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Alberta group wants fewer people in prison

Bert Witvoet

EDMONTON — The fact that Canada has the third highest imprisonment rate for offenders compared to other Western countries does not sit well with Alberta representatives of Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ). The citizens group appeared before the House of Commons Justice Committee to argue for alternatives to imprisonment.

The group addressed imprisonment for non-violent property offences. It pointed out that an Edmonton study

showed that an estimated 80 per cent of inmates in federal and provincial institutions are there for non-violent crimes against property.

Some of CPJ's observations are based on the experiences of about 12-15 Alberta members who weekly visit inmates of the Bowden Institution in Calgary. The CPJ brief states: "Our central Alberta members ... tell us that inmates there are *not* being prepared for life in the community; that they are *not* given the opportunity, on the whole, to appreciate the real and direct consequences of their actions."

Adopt restorative model

According to CPJ, problems related to imprisonment, such as high rate of recidivism, can be traced to the

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Thinkbit

Ascension Day message: "If the outlook is bad, practise the up-look."

Rev. Richard Wurmbrand

Why gaze at the cloud-filled sky with longing, sad, yes, tear-filled eye? Why stand there like those bereft, grief-stricken since a loved one left?

This Jesus you saw disappear behind the cloud will reappear! And in the manner He bade leave He will return. Do you believe?

Ascension



Illustration: Come to the Father

"Say, Theophilus! Remember me telling you how the men of Galilee were standing around near Bethany, looking intently up into the sky ... why were they looking into the sky?" (Editorial, page 4)

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B.C. premier accused of blasphemy

Reinder J. Klein

VANCOUVER — "Mr. VanderZalm has used Christ to justify injustice. In so doing, he grossly blasphemes. We are appalled at such blasphemy, and pray that he will soon find Christ in deed as well as in word."

Thus Francis M. Andrews concludes a denunciation of B.C.'s premier in a long letter to the editor in the *Vancouver Sun*, Apr. 22. The letter was written on behalf of the Ecumenical Committee for Social Responsibility of Vancouver's First United Church.

The letter's opening says: "As Christians, we must respond to Premier Bill VanderZalm's cutting \$50 from the income of a mother on welfare when her child reaches the age of 15 weeks. He ignorantly and arrogantly assumes such women do not know God, commenting that they would find it easier to cope and be much happier if they turned 'for free' to Jesus Christ."

Selina Robinson was another outraged British Columbian. In the same issue of the *Sun* she wrote: "... I was appalled and angry at the insolence, bigotry and misguidedness of Bill VanderZalm's comments regarding the happiness of welfare recipients and women with unwanted pregnancies. His recommendation to those people to turn to Jesus Christ as a solution was abominable."

Three days earlier, on Apr. 19, the

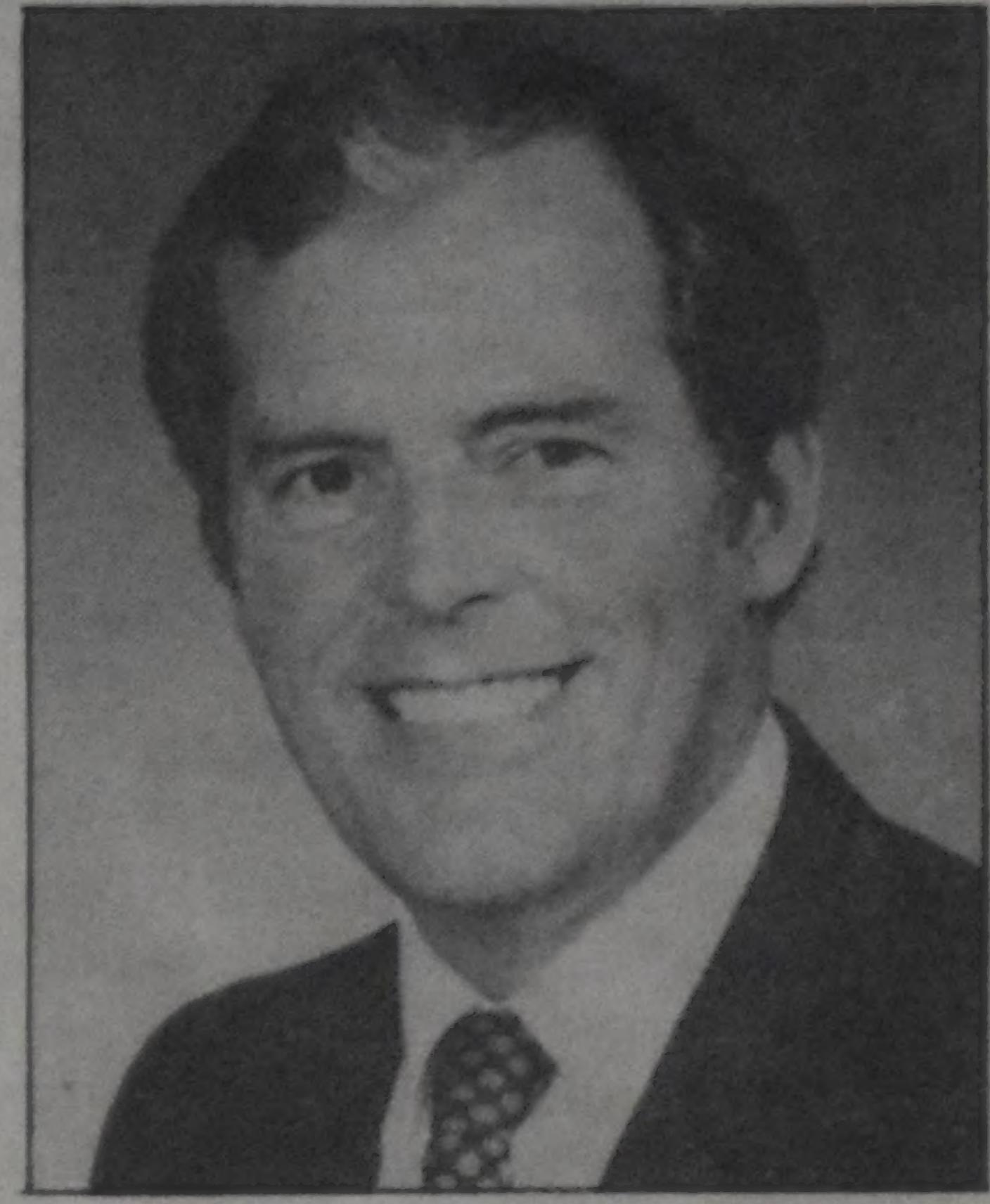


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B.C. Premier Bill VanderZalm. B.C. citizens and press are lashing out at the premier's statements that people's needs would be more easily met if they knew Christ.

Sun lambasted VanderZalm in an editorial. Read one paragraph, "The solemn reaction to Mr. VanderZalm's statements, one some opposition politicians have already expressed, is revulsion at the premier of all the province suggesting that one particular faith somehow would provide a better path to a life of fewer woes."

These and other angry outbursts were responses to comments made by Premier VanderZalm on Apr. 16 to an

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Methadone may slow the spread of AIDS

Robert VanderVennen

TORONTO — The synthetic narcotic drug methadone, used in place of heroin injections, is expected to help slow the spread of the AIDS virus, say doctors and public health officials involved in methadone treatment.

Methadone is a non-addictive drug which has much the same effect as heroin and is often used to get addicts off heroin. Because it is given orally rather than by injection, there is not the problem of addicts spreading AIDS by using infected needles. Methadone is legally prescribed by doctors who are treating heroin addicts.

At Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City, 7,600 addicts are treated each year with methadone. The centre claims that 95 per cent of its methadone clients no longer inject heroin and 50 per cent of them have jobs. A U.S. regulation requires that those taking methadone receive regular counselling, which is the heart of methadone treatment, and the goal of which is abstinence. Methadone treatment is simply a holding pattern, a way of gaining time in which through counselling the patient will be helped to become drug-free.

Movement from heroin to methadone will remove these drug abusers from AIDS risk, which is significant because they are the second-highest AIDS risk group in the U.S. They are believed to be the primary source of transmission of the virus to newborns and to the heterosexual, non-addicted population.

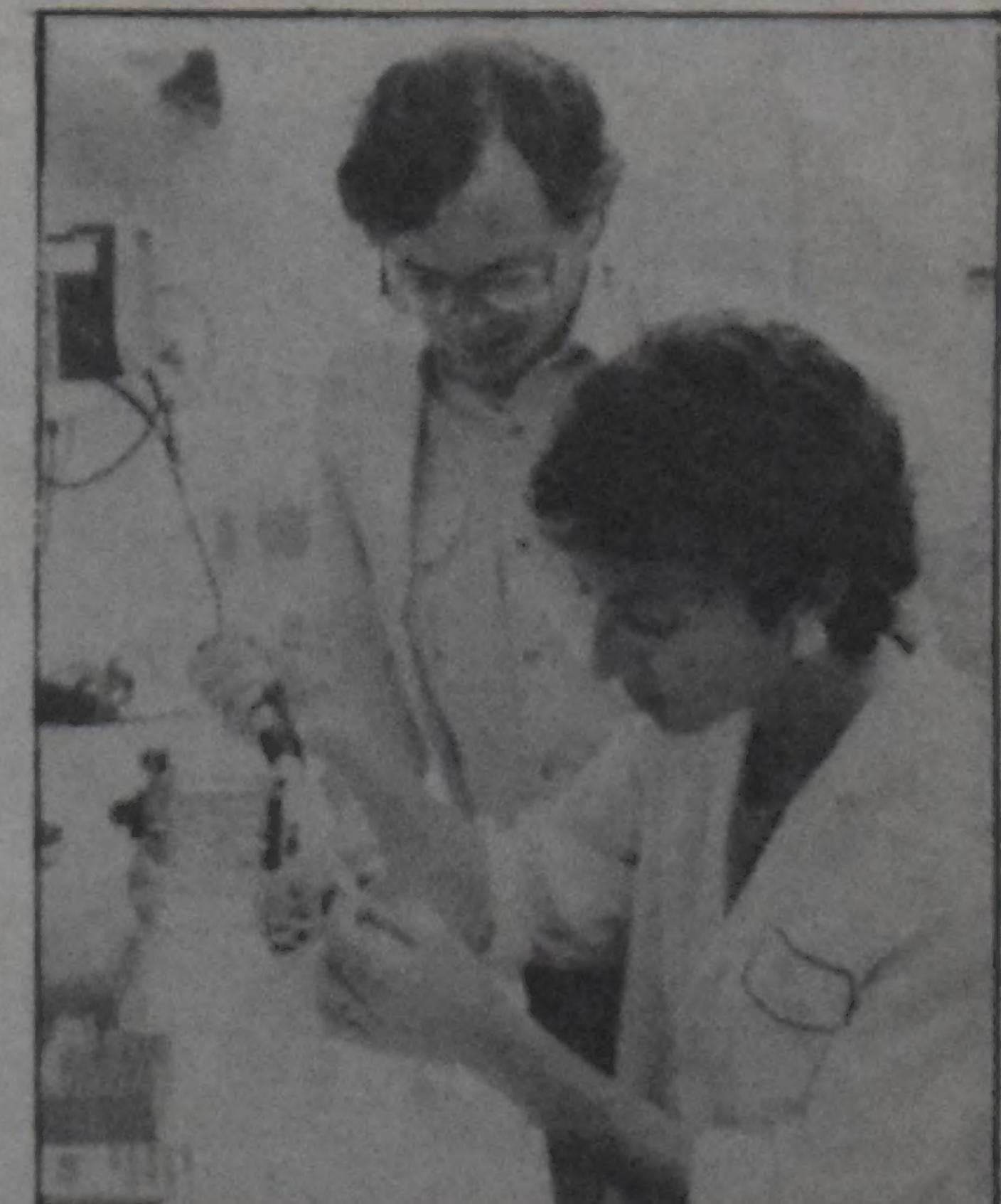


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Screening blood for AIDS. The synthetic narcotic drug methadone, used in place of heroin injections, is expected to help slow the spread of the AIDS virus.

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News

Premier says believers suffer less

... continued from page 1. association of Christian businesspeople in the B.C. town of Trail. During that breakfast meeting the premier had mentioned that no government can ever supply everything people demand.

"But if we can somehow help them to get to know Jesus Christ, if we can help them to get involved in religion, in worshipping ..., they'll be much happier and their problems will be resolved much easier," he is then reported to have said.

In a later interview VanderZalm indicated that, in his view, those who believe in God do not suffer as much as unbelievers. He agreed that single mothers on welfare would find it easier if they sought help by believing in Jesus Christ.

"I think we'd all find it

easier. We shouldn't just turn to God at times of trouble, obviously. It's there for us all the time and it's for free, it's available. It's something that doesn't cost and all people can benefit by this tremendously."

"Certainly those that suffer, say from the pressure of an unwanted pregnancy, will find it much, much easier to cope with the situation if they have faith in Jesus Christ."

Opposition leader Mike

Harcourt (NDP) found the premier's comments particularly offensive following the recently announced cut in welfare payments for some single parents who will lose the

designation "unemployable" and \$50-a-month cut when their child is 15 weeks old. Previously, single parents were considered unable to work until a child was six months old or if they had two or more children under 12.

"It's what you call Fantasy Gardens' reality. It doesn't relate to the real world. Once again, the premier misses the whole point of a pluralistic society. He's showing why he's unfit to be premier of this province," said Harcourt.

Many others expressed negative reactions to the premier's comments. One found it ironic that VanderZalm chose not to talk about that aspect of Christianity that advocates help for the less fortunate. None of the letters or editorials in the press supported VanderZalm's view.

Group advocates restorative model as prison alternative

... continued from page 1. retributive model of punishment which the Canadian justice system espouses. This model, says CPJ, has three characteristics:

1. Crime is understood as an offense against the state rather than an offence against real people.
2. The punishment given offenders is likewise abstract, unconnected to the actual harm caused by the offence.
3. The retributive model

focuses on past acts rather than on ways in which the harm caused can be repaired and relationships can be restored.

Imprisonment as a preferred sanction against those who commit a non-violent crime against property drains society's resources, says CPJ. It provides "an environment which does not lead to constructive results."

In the place of the retributive model, CPJ wants to see a "restorative model." That

restorative model is currently used in the state of Minnesota, with excellent results. But merely tinkering with present arrangements can do more harm than good, says the brief.

CPJ also expressed alarm at the fact that, although Natives constitute only two per cent of the population in Canada, they make up 10 per cent of the prison population. The way to help change this picture is by getting the Native community involved in criminal justice, says CPJ.

BETWEEN THE LINES

Socio-political comment by Gus Polman, Richard Vanderkloet, William van Geest, Clarence Joldersma

Soil degradation: A growing concern

The field across the road from where I live was recently tilled in preparation for seeding. A large four-wheel drive *John Deere* tractor first disced the fall-plowed earth and then went over it with a packer to break up the large clumps of soil. The field now is a finely powdered, light brown seedbed of soil.

Soil is normally a wonderful mixture of sand, silt and clay. It is a mixture that includes water, air, nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium, humus and organic matter. Soil contains bacteria, moulds, yeasts, fungi, algae, nematodes, spiders, centipedes, ants, beetles, earthworms, slugs and sowbugs. These elements are not found haphazardly strewn throughout the dirt; the parts work together to form a beautiful complex called soil.

Soil plays an important role in our life. Soil is used to grow crops which in turn are used to feed livestock or humans. All the soil parts work together, either directly or indirectly, to grow the crop. Together the soil parts supply the crop with the necessary water, nutrients, support and root environment needed for proper growth.

Growth without soil

Without soil, growing crops and gardens would have been quite different. Imagine if the Lord had created, instead of soil, only a rooting medium. There would be no soil organisms, no soil organic matter, no naturally occurring fertilizers. Instead, there would only be small, non-living particles. The function of these particles would only be to mechanically support the roots of the plants so that the plants would not topple over while growing. Without soil, growing crops and gardens would be a lot like hydroponics greenhouse growing.

At times some growers treat the soil as if it were only a rooting medium. They are concerned only about how fine to prepare the seed bed and how much synthetic fertilizer to apply; they have little regard for the entire dynamic, integrated soil structure and its active role in growing crops. For these people it matters little whether a layer of rooting medium is lost each year through erosion, for underneath the top layer lies many more layers

before the bedrock is exposed. These lower layers, if prepared properly, can function as a mechanical support just as effectively as the present layer. For these people, soil degradation is not a problem.

Loss of soil costs everyone

Many people, however, view the material that crops and gardens grow in as soil. They realize the uniqueness of that shallow layer of soil, and they understand its limited nature. If that top layer of soil is lost, it is gone and cannot be replaced for generations. Our ability to produce food for our community, our country and our world is directly dependent on the continued existence of that dynamic, orderly layer of soil on the surface of our farms and gardens. Our ability as Christians to carry out our task of supplying food is directly tied to the management of our soils. Thus, for most of us, soil degradation should be a major concern.

According to the Science Council of Canada, in their report "A Growing Concern: Soil Degradation in Canada," soil degradation is a significant problem. One way to measure it is to measure the cost attached to it. In Ontario, soil degradation adds 18 per cent to the cost of a crop, in B.C. it adds 34 per cent, and on the prairies it can add up to 80 per cent of the cost. They also estimate that the cumulative cost of this ongoing degradation, which was about \$2-billion in 1985, will reach \$20-billion in 1995, and \$44-billion in 2005. These figures indicate that soil degradation, in terms of costs alone, are alarming.

When God created the world, He created (among other things) soil. Soil became one of the things that God asked man to manage and nurture when He asked man and woman to "tend the garden." Although sin has clouded humankind's ability to carry out this task, he is still obligated to do so, and can do so because of Christ's redeeming and restoring work. Tending the soil is part of that task.

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Vancouver school's race relations policy working

Alyn Edwards

VANCOUVER (Canadian Scene)—It has been five years since the Vancouver School Board first implemented a comprehensive race relations policy. It was similar to that just instituted by the school system in Toronto. But Vancouver is a city much different in its multicultural mix.

Vancouver schools have the highest ratio of students from visible minorities. One in six students is either Asian, East Indian or Black. Approximately half the 51,000 students in the school system have learned English as their second language. More than 10,000 students in the system need help with their language skills and attend English-as-a-second-language classes in one form or another.

A workable race relations policy was essential to respond actively and decisively to issues of racism in teacher training, education policy, reading materials and in the various levels of government in the community. Although the school board understands that racism is a social problem that extends beyond its reach, it wants parents and students to know clearly that it will not tolerate any form of racial bias within its jurisdiction.

Debunking stereotypes

The school board recognizes that racial prejudice can be expressed in a variety of ways including stereotyping of ethnic groups, bias in curriculum materials, name calling, racial jokes, unfair treatment, denial of equal opportunity and even physical violence. The object is to make

everyone in the system aware of a policy that reviews learning resources to ensure racial and ethnic groups are portrayed accurately.

These learning resources are reviewed by an active race relations advisory committee to identify and counter racial or ethnic prejudice. Learning resources are sought which reflect the multicultural nature of Canadian society.

The policy also extends to equal opportunity hiring practices by setting guidelines for retaining and hiring native Indian and multicultural workers. The policy has a grievance procedure to mediate disputes and can result in suspension for those involved in repeat offences.

"The policy is a reflection of what was happening in society at the time," says school board race relations consultant Eric Wong. "It is a public stand by a public institution that we abhor any form of racism or prejudice." Mr. Wong, a former secondary school social studies teacher, divides his time doing liaison work between the school board and the community, evaluating curriculum, working with community groups to promote harmonious race relations and aiding school staff.

In five years, there are no unresolved incidents. Prejudice and racism are not a major factor in one of Canada's most culturally mixed student groups.

There are Lebanon, Ireland, Afghanistan, the occupied territories on the West bank of the Jordan, Ethiopia, Nicaragua and now there is a new battle field: the Liberal party. It is rumoured that the Speaker of the House had first aid kits installed in the Liberal caucus room. What is not a rumour, but the absolute truth is that the *numero uno* bag-man Senator Pietri Rizzuto of the Liberal Party was fired. Who is holding the bag now? The Royal Bank is getting very restless about a three million dollars credit of the party. So are a few other financial institutions. Pretty soon they'll have to invent new service charges to recoup losses from loans to the Liberal party. There are questions in the Vancouver Quadra riding whether Turner would be able to hang on to his seat. Another crown prince-in-waiting, Paul Martin Jr., is ready to make a move. Martin bought a house in the Montreal Lasalle district where he is going to run in the next election.

Just about when the Liberal Party could have savoured its surprisingly good showing in Manitoba, somebody (probably the party president) hit the self-destruct button, and the whole Liberal organization disintegrated like a baby carriage hit by a five ton truck. Messy, messy!

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Liberal Mrs. Carstair, leaning heavily on the popularity of Jean Chretien became the leader of the official opposition in Manitoba. Another woman in office! She brings to the legislature of that province a motley crew of would-be

politicians. One auto repairman was nominated in a basement meeting with three members of the riding association present. When, to everyone's surprise (including his own), he won his riding, he was asked about his opinion of the Meech Lake Accord; the man looked as puzzled as if he were asked to comment on Einstein's relativity theory. Mrs. Carstair is a bit more positive: the Meech Lake Accord, so she says, is done like dinner, or dead like an Egyptian mummy.

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There is some back room dealing going on about a bill which will be tabled in the near future by our beloved Flora MacDonald, one of the last Red Tory members of cabinet. A Toronto newspaper reported that it had obtained a memo which proves collusion between Ottawa and Hollywood. The bill, which originally would have curbed American dominance of film, video and T.V. program distribution in Canada, seems to be weakened beyond recognition by American lobbying. What's more, according to the *Toronto Star*, there will be a bit of staged opposition to it, to make it politically palatable. Flora MacDonald, like a forgotten boxcar of an unknown rail company, is parked on a politically dead end rail by Monsieur Mulroney.

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Speaking about election: the NDP is really geared up. NDP commercials and radio jingles remind especially the people in

Quebec of the blessings of socialism. The NDP has candidates in 80 per cent of the ridings.

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The political scene in British Columbia is not very appetizing. Premier Vander Zalm's cabinet is as united as an insoluble fraction. The premier himself hinted that religion would help single mothers to cope with decreased support payments. Disposal of the Expo site was wrapped in weird and mysterious internal squabbling. All kinds of leaks pour out of Victoria like water from a rain barrel that has been used for target practice. One of the more juicy leaks is that Grace McCarthy, one of the premier's opponents wants to have her office redone at a cost of one million dollars. Nice going, Grace! What about a solid gold pencil sharpener? And wouldn't one of Liberace's piano's look nice in the corner?

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It has become known that both Mr. and Mrs. Reagan consulted astrologers about suitable dates for certain events. America's foreign policy certainly has looked, at times, as if it were put together by horoscope artists. The astrologer that came up with the Panama policy, if that happened, must have had an off day for sure.

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It seems that smiling Mike Gorbachev is getting firmly in the Kremlin saddle, spurs on both feet. A letter to the editor in *Pravada* blasted the

Community Party's dictatorial command structure. Reform of the party is part of Gorbachev's *glasnost*. It was also remarkable too that the recent May day parade in Moscow did not feature the usual show of armaments. In another proletarian's paradise — Poland — the proletarians are on strike for decent wages. The government reacted by rounding up all the Solidarity leaders it could find.

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A typical example of popular teapot theology was delivered by that star of TV gospel, Jerry Falwell, who commented on criticism for inviting

indicted Oliver North to be the commencement speaker at his Liberty University: "We serve a Lord who was also indicted."

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A Dutch cardinal, Johannes Willebrands, was named as convener of electors, and custodian of Vatican affairs in the event the reigning Pope would die.

That inimitable wordsmith, Alan Fotheringham, put the whole process of the American continuing election show in a few words: "U.S. voters have a choice between dull or boring."

Mayo clinic scientist announced that they have made significant progress toward a cure for arthritis. I hope they hurry up, my right knee hurts like candy on a tooth with five cavities. Getting old has advantages, but arthritis is not one of them. Come to think of it, what are the advantages of getting old, anyway? Like one fellow said, "by the time I am ready to sit a spell in my rocking chair, I can't get it rocking." "Grey hair is the splendor of the old," says the writer of the Proverbs (20:29), but he probably was not in the Christian Reformed Pension Fund.

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Editorial

Ascension Day update for Theophilus

Say, Theophilus! Remember me telling you how the men of Galilee were standing around near Bethany, looking intently up into the sky, and how two other men in white coats walked up to them and asked them *why* they were looking into the sky? I trust you gathered from my writings that they were not just requesting information, as in — “Would you please tell us the reason for your looking up? Is there something we ought to see too?” No, theirs was more a statement, along the line of ... “We know what you’re doing, but why bother? This same Jesus will come back the same way He went.”

The Galilean men had been looking up intently because they couldn’t let go of what they didn’t expect back. They were ahead of the French in that parting for them was a lot of dying.

Anyway, I think it’s time that I update your Ascension Day knowledge a bit, dear Theophilus. You wanted to know whether people in North America are still looking up into the sky today. I don’t know how to break this to you, but the answer is, “No.”

I can see you smile. “That’s because North Americans understand what the two men in white coats were saying,” you think to yourself. I wish it were so, Theophy. I wish our behaviour could be explained by our faith in Jesus’ return.

Which look will that be?

Do you remember the discussion we had on the Via Appia after we stopped for a little fermented grape juice at the Three Taverns? We were wondering where these Galilean men were supposed to be looking if not up? You said they should be looking straight ahead to the horizon because life is a journey and one should know where he or she is going. And I said they should be looking into people’s eyes so that they could spread the message of love. I guess we both had a point. At least we agreed that people should be looking horizontally.

You know what I find to be most sad these days? So many people are looking down; towards the ground; you know — *humus*. And it’s not their “humus-ability” that makes them do it either. Some are preoccupied with their stomachs, or their sex

organs or their pieces of real estate. Anything to keep them from seeing their God and their neighbour.

Others are looking down because they’re depressed. And they’re depressed because their outlook is not encouraging. The other day, Rev. Richard Wurmbrand (He’s one of us. He has been imprisoned by communists for 14 years) was telling an audience that if the outlook is bad, people should practise the up-look. Not bad advice, even if the two men in white were telling the Galilean guys not to stare into heaven too long.

I have another piece of bad news for you, Theophilus. Today’s men in white are saying that this *same* Jesus will not come back but that another Jesus called Science and Technology has risen and that we are on the threshold of a much better world.

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So, what do I tell a world that is no longer looking so intently into the sky? I’m telling them to look in different directions for specific purposes. Look downward as well as upward as well as around you, I say to them. You need to look downward to realize your earthiness and your sinfulness. You need to look upward to know where your help and strength come from. And you need to look around you to live a life of service. Most of the time you should be looking ahead of you with your hand on the plow.

“You men and women of North America,” I say, while I adjust the white coat I still wear because of my medical profession, “practise the up, down and horizontal look. And do it in the confidence that this *same* Jesus will come back in the *same* way He went into heaven.”

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, most excellent Theophilus, lover of God. It seemed good also to me to write an orderly diagnosis, complete with cardiogram, of the health of our people in Canada and the United States, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught. Yours in the sure expectation of Jesus’ return, Luke.

BW

Superpower tensions are easing

There is a new spirit in the competitive relations between the United States and the Soviet Union these days. The spirit of relations between the two superpowers is much different today than in the early half of the presidency of Ronald Reagan, when he was snarling publicly at the Soviets and building nuclear armaments at a pace which tried to make up for lost time. For the Russians, too, *glasnost* has its effect.

The new spirit is seen from the way the recent visit of Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze to Washington was conducted. Shevardnadze’s serious business was conducted in a courteous and friendly manner, without either side posturing publicly to score propaganda points.

Their business these days includes two small nations, Afghanistan and Nicaragua, in which each superpower wants to have its way. Both now want to disentangle themselves from those small nations, but to do it in a way that does not leave the field to the other. The way they are going about their business is significant. It is not by way of public treaties and formal announcements, but by way of quiet, mutually respectful backroom negotiation. They have made a gentlemanly arrangement about balancing their supplies of armaments to the Afghans so that neither side is overmatched by the other. Both

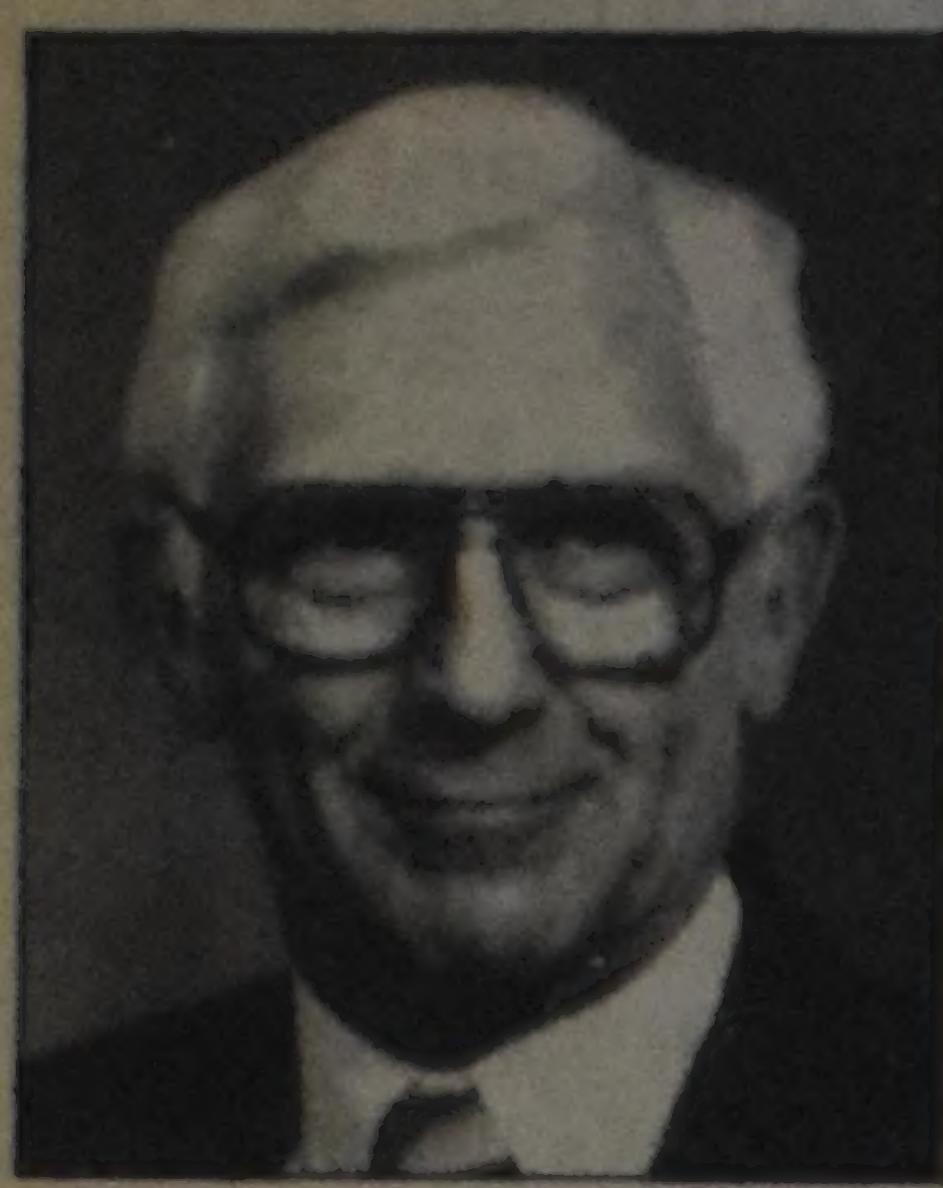
are sharply and simultaneously reducing their aid to the opposing Nicaraguan forces. What has happened is that both sides have given up on imposing their will on a small neighbour. It is significant also that in both cases the superpower has failed in its efforts to do so.

This is not to say that relations between the two superpowers are now and forever all love and roses. Not at all. A cascade of nuclear bombs, like an unexpected heart attack, could hit at any time. But it seems that the danger of nuclear war between the U.S. and the Soviet Union in the near future is distinctly less than it was early in Ronald Reagan’s presidency. For that we can thank God.

There are no doubt various reasons why tensions between the two superpowers are eased compared to five or 10 years ago. One of the most compelling reasons is the financial problems of both countries, which do not permit either to develop military capability as vigorously as technology makes possible. But let us not forget the power of prayer, and let us not forget to thank God for his answers to prayer and for the increased hope we can have for the future.

Robert VanderVennen

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Abraham was God's friend, yet that relationship posed extremely difficult questions and demanded almost impossible sacrifices.

A friend of God

The apostle James tells us that Abraham became a friend of God. A friend: a person with whom you share everything and one who shares everything with you. Friendship is built on a great degree of intimacy and trust.

Years ago I concluded that I, too, wanted to be a friend of God. By his grace I possessed the first-required ingredient; love. Being a friend of God certainly sounds wonderful and it embraces a great number of wonderful blessings.

As I studied the life of Abraham, however, I came to the conclusion that friendship with the Most High isn't all that easy. Abraham was God's friend, yet that relationship posed extremely difficult questions and demanded almost impossible sacrifices. For God required that, to be his friend, Abraham had to break with the life he had lived thus far, to move away from his family and culture, and to begin a new life, one of uncertainty — the life of faith.

I began to realize that though an earthly friend may ask much of me, my heavenly friend asks for *everything*. Jesus himself illustrated this when He said, "You are my friends if you do what I command." (John 15) One of the conditions of God's friendship is to go where He calls, to do what He demands.

Am I prepared to pay that price? Are you? Years ago the well-known Matthew Henry had something to say about this. "The faith that produces works makes us precious in the eyes of the Almighty," he wrote.

Abraham, I read, did as the Lord told him. He dared to live with his friend. He did it because he knew that he would receive the greatest gift of friendship: Jesus sacrificed his life for him.

Yes, I want to be a friend of God.

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Letters

Wants C.C. to mediate?

My reading in *Christian Renewal* [re: three Calvin College professors' alleged evolutionary views] has given me the urge to write you. The three are attacked, and I think what it said is true. I can't possibly think that what it said could be written if it weren't true. Please, could they give a clear answer in *Calvinist Contact* to the questions in *Christian Renewal* ("Table Talk"; Apr. 11) in plain language

John Boonstra, Sr.,
Telkwa, B.C.

Response:

Perhaps we should consider it a compliment that you want us to carry the professors' responses. However, you should be addressing *Christian Renewal*, since it made the "attack." C.C. has carried articles by Drs. Van Till and Menninga (two of the scientists in question) on Oct. 2, 1987 and Jan. 8, 1988. To get the whole picture, read Van Till's book, *The Fourth Day* (Eerdmans) which is quite easily readable, and which you can order from any Christian book seller.

Ed.

Has happy birthing experience with midwife

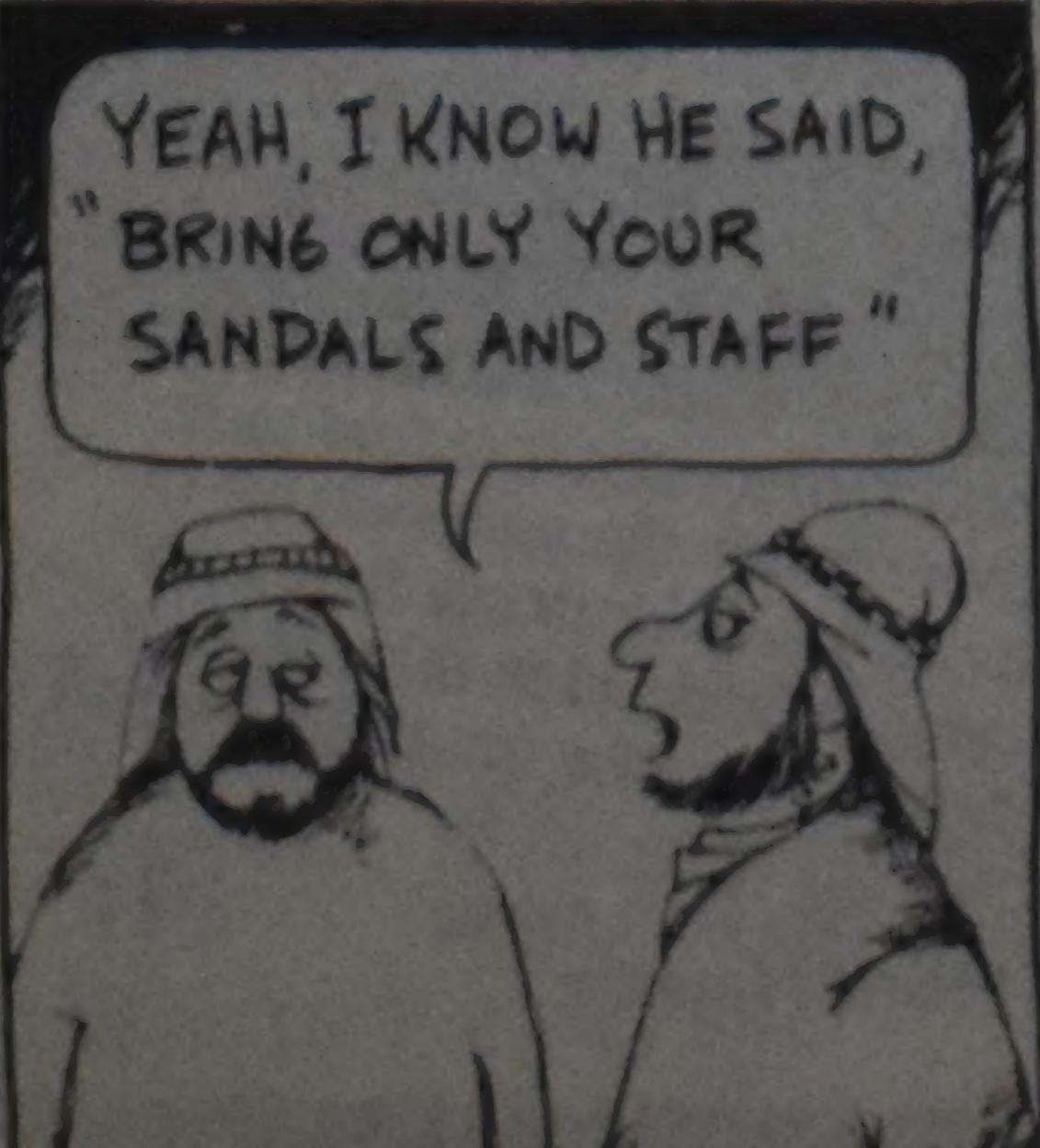
Just a comment on your articles re: birthing, midwives, etc. Our baby was born at McMaster University Medical Centre in Hamilton, delivered with the wonderful coaching and skill of a midwife who works as one of a team of midwives at that hospital. Since the birth progressed normally (as most do

or could, with the right kind of encouragement), there was no need for an M.D. to be present. Our daughter's birth was a wonderful, home-like experience, in a hospital setting — just Mom, Dad, midwife and baby, in the same room from start to finish.

We enjoyed your articles, but thought that it might be helpful to readers to make the comment that midwifery and homebirths are not necessarily synonymous. Our experience was proof to us that gentle birthing can happen in a hospital, too. Our experience with a midwife was very positive. While we have heard that others have been equally happy with their family doctors or obstetricians, those who have not may wish to consider the option of a midwife and encourage our governments and medical system to recognize these professionals as a vital part of health care services.

Pat Vanderkooy,
Guelph, Ont.

BEYOND BELIEF



For the time being...

Adrian Peetoom



History doesn't teach

I have always known that I would have to make my views public sooner or later. I think the time is just about upon me. There's a federal election on the horizon, and I understand that the Christian Heritage Party will field candidates. Rumour has it that this new party has strong members in our congregation, and if that's true I can expect a visit for membership, financial contribution and a pledge of voting support.

I have nothing to say against the claim that this party is God's will, except that I can no longer accept on faith any such claim for human action. I've had my hopes dashed too often, by great church fathers and their little children, and that includes Constantine, Augustine, Luther, Calvin, Kuyper and K. Schilder. And before you get all upset, let me also say that I won't entertain the thesis that, because they were wrong sometimes, they were wrong always. My own human life is too ambivalent and paradoxical to make or accept absolutist claims of any kind anymore. I make one exception. Whether I understand or see it, God forgives us for the mess we make of his Kingdom. Therefore when I can't stand the mess anymore, I listen to Bach who didn't treat his wife very well and had too many children.

Little CHP stands tall in a current tradition that would have us accept the claims that history teaches, and that we must maintain(?) restore(?) Judeo-Christian values, especially those of the family. TV screens are full of those claims, Pat Robertson gave them a good wack in the U.S., though his campaign brochure didn't use the word "Christian" once, while Ontario's Rev. Campbell has had a victory of bundling them around "certain books" in schools, and now around the abortion issue.

My problem is simple. I don't think that history teaches. It's a nice phrase, and its acceptance gives a sense of comfort in troubled times. It would lead Soviets to feel quite secure that any invasion into its territory is doomed. Napoleon tried and failed. Hitler tried and failed. Does history teach that anyone can try, but will fail?

But, one could argue, history teaches that we must begin an invasion in late March, and make just enough territorial advance to start the major summer offensive with time to spare to reach the Ural mountains by mid-August. Silly stuff, isn't it, what with nuclear weapons?

And where, pray tell, do I find examples of Judeo-Christian values predominating in the lives of people? Individuals? Yes, a few. In peoples? I doubt it, but I'm open to suggestions — if there's some solid evidence with the claims. New breeds of historians who study not the official acts of kings and leaders, but the details of ordinary people, are forcing us to become much more cautious about our views of what did or did not really happen in the past.

Now I'm all for a good story. I loved it when on Friday afternoons our elementary school teachers in The Netherlands became storytellers, and gave us the stories of historical people and events. Those people and events were glorified. But later I learned that many such "heroes" were motivated by selfishness, and those "glorious" events were more silly than glorious.

All I'm saying is that I cannot accept the claims of people who want my support for one of their causes when they base them on their views of history. Given who I know myself to be, I would have opposed Calvin in Geneva when he let Servetus be executed in 1553. It might have cost me my neck as well. I certainly would no longer have been welcome in Geneva.

Now, even Calvinist historians are willing to concede that Calvin made a mistake, but they excuse the sordid business by pointing to the historical circumstances in which Calvin found himself. "He was a child of his time." Precisely. I rest my case.

Based on the historical evidence as I see it, Canada never was a Judeo-Christian nation; that is, its body of citizens never lived the kind of values CHP now espouses. Indeed, the exceptions seemed to have been far more numerous than the practitioners. The same could be observed about Dutch history. So I shall not be moved by CHP stories that claim to be historical facts. Too dangerous! Hitler tried that once, at the cost of 25 million dead.

Actually, I just realized that I can only accept stories about better human times and people less sinful than I know myself to be. Only stories. Not the claims of historians or pseudo-historians. Which is why storytellers are probably a lot more important than both historians and politicians, and always have been.

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Church

Marian Van Til, page editor

First new Dutch Mennonite church in 30 years

Tim Pannabecker

DEN ILP/LANDSMEER, The Netherlands — The cornerstone for the first new Mennonite church to be built in this country since the 1960s bears the cherished Menno Simons text from 1 Corinthians 3:11: "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

At a service on Mar. 29, Paulus Wals, former secretary of the congregation, laid the cornerstone for the church, which will replace a building erected in 1864.

Traditionally, as soon as the highest roof beams of a building are in place, the Dutch flag is hoisted. This 60-member congregation north of

Amsterdam, however, flew a nuclear disarmament flag to show its commitment to peace.

Construction should be completed this summer. Mennonite Voluntary Service will organize a two-week international work camp to clean, paint and landscape the grounds.

The congregation hopes to

raise the final 10 per cent of the \$330,000 cost of the building before the dedication services planned for Oct. 2. An exhibition of Dutch Mennonite hymnbooks from the 16th century to the present will mark the opening of the new church.

Reprinted from *Mennonite Reporter*, Apr. 25, 1988.

U.S. Supreme Court rules against Indian faith

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)

— The government does not need to "satisfy every citizen's religious needs and desires" in its administration of federal lands, the Supreme Court ruled Apr. 19 on a 5-3 vote. The court upheld the government's plan to develop part of a national forest that is considered sacred by three American Indian tribes, even though it acknowledged that the proposed development "could have devastating effects on traditional Indian religious practices."

The decision struck a major blow against American Indian groups around the nation who have litigated heavily to stop projects they say endanger the wilderness areas that are central to their religious practice. The particular dispute involved construction of a road in northwest California, in an area considered sacred by the Yurok, Karok and Tolowa tribes.

Many Christian and Jewish groups had supported the Indians, had expressed concern that the court's decision

weakens the First Amendment's guarantee of "free exercise of religion."

Writing for the majority, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said the constitution merely restrains governmental "coercion or penalties on the free exercise of religion," and does not provide protection against "incidental effects of government programs," even if those programs are greatly disruptive to local worship, and even if those programs do not necessarily serve any important purpose. "Government simply

could not operate if it were required to satisfy every citizen's religious needs and desires," O'Connor wrote.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, and Justices John Paul Stevens, Antonin Scalia, and Byron R. White joined O'Connor's opinion.

In a stinging dissent, Justice William J. Brennan, Jr. wrote that the decision "leaves Native Americans with absolutely no constitutional protection against perhaps the gravest threat to their religious practices." He added, "Today's ruling sacrifices a religion at least as old as the nation itself, along with the spiritual well-being of its approximately 5,000 adherents, so that the Forest Service can build a six-mile segment of road that two lower courts found had only the most marginal and speculative utility, both to the government itself and to the private lumber interests that might conceivably use it."

Justices Thurgood Marshall and Harry A. Blackmun joined Brennan's dissent. Justice Anthony M. Kennedy did not vote on the case, which was argued before he was a member of the court.

The court's ruling against religious rights of Indians does not mean the disputed road will be built. The court sent the case back for further proceedings on objections based on environmental grounds.

Reformed representative speaks at United Nations Human Rights Commission

NEW YORK (RPS) — Emilio C. Capulong, Jr., chairman of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, spoke before the Human Rights Commission of the United Nations. Representing World Alliance of Reformed Churches (WARC), Mr. Capulong addressed the subject of human rights violations in the Philippines, an excerpt of which is printed below:

"... the case of the Philippine government is strange. For it is a government projected to be just and free — with a democratic constitution, an elective legislature, and a popular woman president who toppled a powerful dictator through a remarkably peaceful revolution in 1986.... And yet ironically, the existence of gross and systematic violations of human rights in the Philippines has become well-known.... All these facts have scarcely been denied by the Philippine government; on the contrary, there are attempts to justify them by claiming that these "occurrences" (of human rights violations) should be viewed in the light of the "internal threats" to the security of the state.

"But there still may be hope. This government still enjoys some measure of goodwill of its people — a residue of the high expectations generated by the 1986 revolution. That goodwill can still be harnessed. But let the government move — and move now... People power, which threw out the previous regime and brought the present one into being, may yet come mightily into expression and fulfil the most humane expectations of any people on the face of the earth."

All will hear gospel by A.D. 2000?

Marian Van Til

HONG KONG — An organization whose "job" is evangelizing says that all of the world's "unreached" peoples may have had a chance to hear the gospel by the year 2000.

The Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization (LCWE), whose headquarters recently moved from Switzerland to Hong Kong, says bringing the Good News to the peoples who have still not heard it is "a measurable, achievable goal."

Just how many people is that? LCWE's Patrick Johnstone estimates there are 12,000 peoples for which "cross-cultural discipling... may be required or [has been]

already minimally achieved."

Figuring out who such people are and where they live is part of LCWE's work. Johnstone points out that that job is more difficult than it may appear. "After 15 years of talk and research, there is often more heat than light, confusion than clarity," he noted in the March-April issue of *World Evangelization*, LCWE's bi-monthly magazine. That is because those who come up with such figures have differing goals, use differing definitions and differing cut-off points, says Johnstone.

For example, to Christian sociologists and anthropologists, the actual number of people groups is not

important, nor is that fact that in highly developed societies, any one person may be classified in a number of professional, occupation, residential, social groups, writes Johnstone. Such classification could mean an open-ended total of millions of people groups in the world. Missionaries, however, would approach it differently.

To arrive at his figure of 12,000 "unreached peoples," Johnstone did not make dialect and class distinctions unless "local knowledge justifies it." He did count "every indigenous people within a country for which a separate cross-cultural discipling and church-planting ministry is required."

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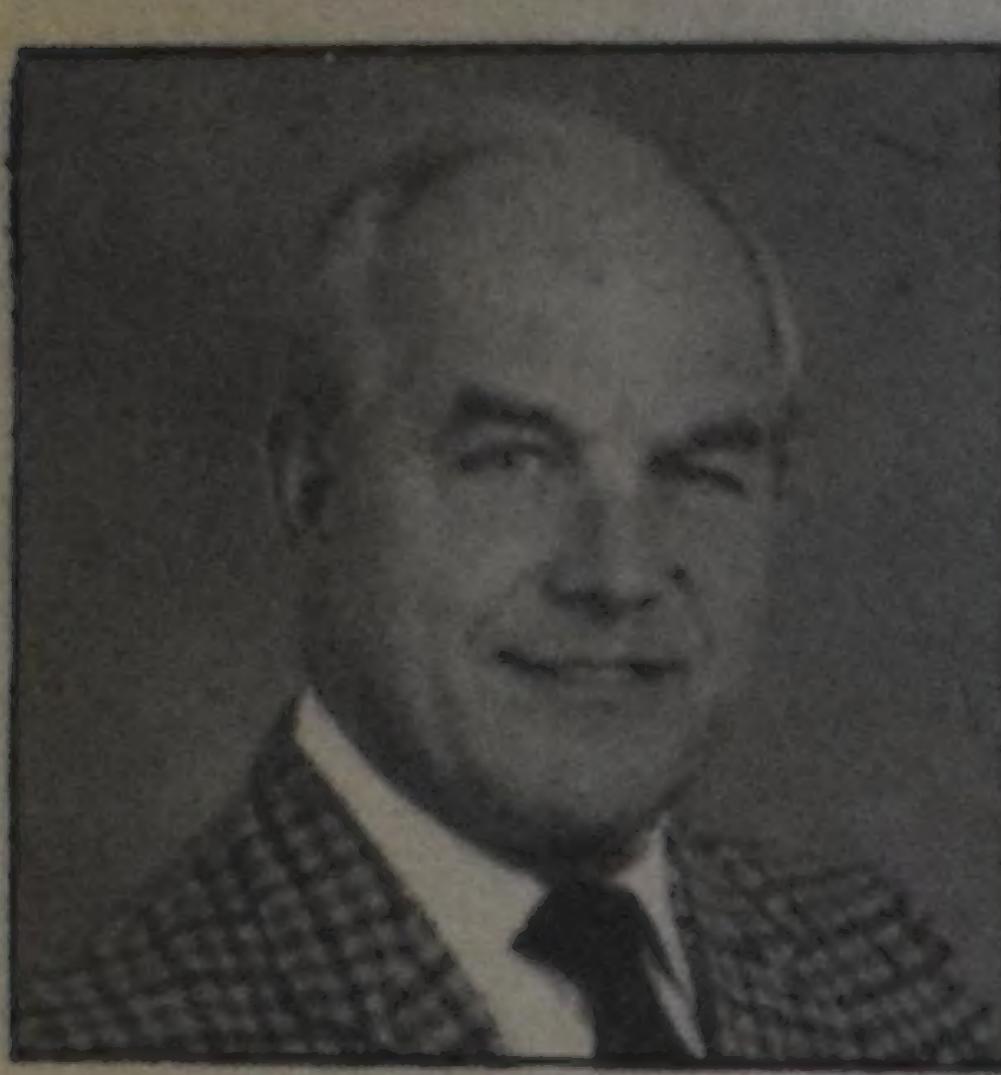
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Nurses striking, wrestlers primping, critics punching



Canadian Church Scene

Jacob Kuntz

Nurses

In recent months nurses and their rights have often been in the news. The nurses' strike in Alberta was widely publicized and everyone had an opinion on the matter. Do nurses have the moral right to strike? But now that abortion has become legal, another question becomes urgent: do nurses have the right to say no when asked to assist in an abortion? The *Catholic Register* of Apr. 16 gives a positive answer to that question:

Doctors have a legal right to refuse to perform an abortion, but nurses are not so well protected. What recourse do they have if compelled by their hospital administration to assist at an abortion?

As we have reported in recent weeks, there are Canadian nurses who are struggling for the right to refuse to assist in abortion. It will be a difficult task, but one that deserves the support of all who are interested in both human rights and good health care.

Some might argue that this would open the door to social chaos. After all, Canadian law says abortion is permitted; so dissent at your own risk.

However, as we well know, what is moral is often not what is legal, and vice versa. Besides, in this matter of abortion, even supporters of it would hesitate to call it anything but an evil. Most would rather have a world in which abortion would not be necessary.

Therefore, a nurse who refuses to assist should be seen as one unwilling to allow a public tragedy to continue. Simply put, a nurse who wants better medicine, a health care system that refuses to cure diseases and social problems by killing the patients.

Surely, any protection of human rights in this unhappy issue must include the human

rights of doctors and nurses, as well as those of women and the unborn. Otherwise, the health care professional is reduced to the status of a robot, without moral principle in this tortured matter.

And surely the argument that says that abortion and the rights of women are linked must also apply here. After all, most Canadian nurses are women. Shouldn't a legal system, apparently so anxious to preserve the rights of women, also safeguard Canadian nurses as well?

Wrestling

Professional wrestling is not a very popular "sport" among Reformed people. Can you even call it a sport? Rev.

Clarence Stam wrote about that issue in *Reformed Perspective*, March 1988. He mentions that one sportscaster in B.C. talked about it as "a form of entertainment." Stam goes a step further and calls it "enacted drama, and poor drama at best. It is strictly show business and exhibitionism which is necessarily confined to the heavy weight class." And it is not innocent at all. He concludes his article with the following admonition:

Once in a while the question comes up concerning the effect which such shows have on children. Small children are sometimes wrestling's biggest fans! It appears that some children try the spectacular holds on their friends and that this can lead to dangerous injuries. On the whole, however, such physical damage seems to be very limited and exceptional.

What concerns me more is the possible spiritual damage which might be inflicted upon those who watch pro wrestling, and especially upon the young. Children cannot easily

distinguish farce from fact and

may be wrongly impressed by the gruesome role play of professional wrestling. The awful stereotyping, the constant badmouthing, the vile threats and dirty looks are certainly not an edifying atmosphere for a youngster.

Pro wrestling fosters a negative, non-caring attitude towards others and gives the impression that meanness is all right. Even the "good guys" have to resort to angry violence in order to win. I do not think that anyone gains any valuable knowledge here but is instead exposed to harmful influence.

Pro wrestling used to be fringe television, on early afternoons or late nights. Now it has come to a more accessible slot. Hulk fell on prime time. And he probably will rise again on prime time. The best thing to do is to avoid such exhibitions and also to discourage your children from watching. Something which is ridiculous, ought best to be properly ridiculed.

Criticism

In the *War Cry* of Apr. 16 we found a positive "commentary" concerning criticism — in this case, criticism of elected leaders. The commentator is convinced that much of criticism is destructive and he wants to show a different, better way. And since criticizing leaders is also a favourite pastime in Reformed circles, we quote the following passages of the article:

The cause of Jesus Christ is greatly hindered by the grumbling, the criticisms and the shameless character assassination which is part of the conversation of too many Christians. Of course, this is not to state that the majority of Christians are gossiping backbiters, but it is to recognize that some who profess to follow Jesus are — by their sullen spirit — working unwittingly for Satan rather than for the Lord.

Leaders in particular are exposed to criticism; the high

profile nature of their position makes them vulnerable. Yet how often they are unfairly given motives that they have not even dreamed about. Their critics reduce greatly the effectiveness of the leaders by the carping and negative criticism which is only destructive.

No leader is perfect; all leaders make wrong decisions at times, and they are usually the first to admit it. Yet if leaders are people of God who are guided by the Holy Spirit, their leadership must be accepted in the spirit in which it is given. Is it not true though, that in some instances leaders' decisions and directives are analysed with a critical, grumbling spirit which poisons the grumbler as well as those

under his or her authority?

Churches, organizations, marriages and homes all can be affected by rebellion against those whom God has appointed to lead. On the other hand, great blessing and joy and guidance come to Christians who turn such feelings over to God and who learn obedience. Hebrews 13:17.

If every Christian were to pray for those in authority every time there is a temptation to criticize, the work of the Kingdom would flourish. People are never the enemy; destructive and negative attitudes which are inspired by Satan are the real enemy.

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Education

The anatomy of "satisfactory instruction"

Harry Fernhout

This is the first of two articles dealing with current discussions of "satisfactory instruction" in Ontario. This article sketches a context and provides a critical assessment of the definition of "satisfactory instruction" recommended in the Shapiro report on independent schools. The second article will present an alternative definition developed by a task force commissioned by the Ontario Association of Alternative and Independent Schools (OAAIS).

In Ontario, intense debates about education continue unabated. In several communities efforts to implement Catholic school funding are causing serious polarization. The recent Radwanski report has reopened questions about the basic purpose of education. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Education is still trying to formulate a response to the Shapiro report on the role and funding of independent schools.

Last fall, in this context of ferment, OAAIS appointed a task force on education policy options. This task force, made up of people with ties to Christian and other independent schools, was given a mandate to look at various legislative models and to propose principles and policies which would treat all legitimate schools fairly. By tackling these policy issues, OAAIS hoped to make a helpful contribution to the broader debates about education.

The OAAIS task force soon realized that any policy proposal would have to deal seriously with the matter of defining "satisfactory instruction." This topic was brought to the fore in the Shapiro report on "private" schools in Ontario. Shapiro argued that a law which simply requires that all children between ages six and 16 attend school is not enough. If compulsory schooling is to have real meaning, then the law should also require a "common and substantive, if minimal,

standard that will be required of all schools." In other words, the law should define "satisfactory instruction," so that the government has some standard by which to judge whether or not schools are doing their job.

Must meet standards

Most independent school supporters in Ontario have cautiously agreed with the intent of this proposal. We realize that if schools want government recognition and at least partial funding, then the government has a legitimate right, even a responsibility, to make sure that schools are giving students what they are entitled to: an adequate education. Further, we also sense that Shapiro is right in insisting that all legitimate schools should meet the standard of "satisfactory instruction." This would put public, separate and independent schools on an equal footing before the law, and would help prevent ministry inspectors from treating independent schools more harshly than public schools.

While responding positively to the *idea* of a legal definition of satisfactory instruction, independent school supporters have rightly been concerned about the *content* of such a definition. If the definition were to impose standards which are at odds with Christian principles, for example, then the freedom of Christian schools to develop with integrity would be severely

inhibited. And such a limitation of freedom, entrenched in law, would be unacceptable.

In this context the task force took a hard look at the definition of satisfactory instruction presented in Recommendation 2 of the Shapiro report, which reads as follows:

That, relative to the requirements for compulsory schooling, the term satisfactory instruction be defined in law as programs which:

- (i) use English or French as the first language of instruction;*
- (ii) include learning experiences in the arts, Canadian and world studies, language, mathematics, physical education and science;*
- (iii) do not promote or foster racial or ethnic superiority, religious intolerance or other values inconsistent with a democratic society;*
- (iv) contain specific plans to provide students with the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills in both the intellectual and moral spheres;*
- (v) provide students with ready access to alternative points of view about their areas of study.*

A liberal-democratic vision

In assessing this proposal, the task force concluded that important elements in this definition are cause for serious concern. The most important objection to Shapiro's definition has to do with the fact that it embodies a particular worldview or value orientation. Taken in isolation, phrases like "critical thinking skills" and "alternative points of view" seem quite innocent and acceptable. But seen in the broader context of the report's social vision, these notions take on a specific non-neutral flavour. This emerges clearly when statements in a section entitled "Some Matters of Principle" are taken into consideration. There Shapiro articulates his own commitment to a liberal-democratic vision of schooling very clearly and succinctly. Crucial to this vision is the ideal of the person as a rationally autonomous individual. The seemingly harmless phrases in the definition of satisfactory instruction need to be read in this light.

To his credit, Shapiro is very

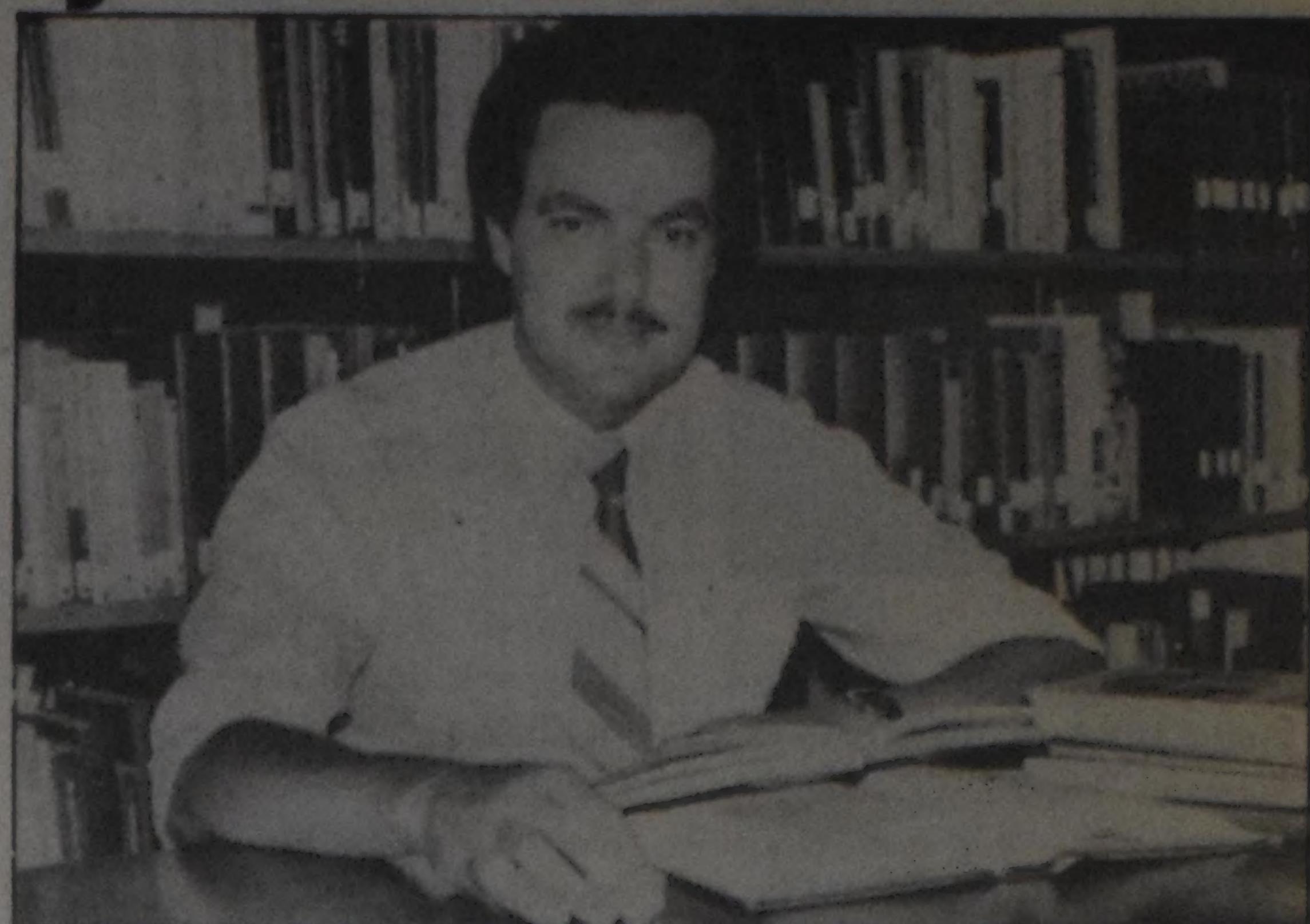


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Harry Fernhout

honest about the fact that his definition reflects a definite point of view. He writes that a legal definition of satisfactory instruction should "be clear about its value orientation" and "reflect the model of both society and schooling to which Ontario wishes to commit itself." But in the judgment of the task force, this is exactly the point at which the vaunted tolerance of the liberal-democratic vision of society breaks down. Shapiro's approach would have the effect of making the core ideas of one vision of education the standard for determining what constitutes satisfactory instruction for all.

Danger for Christian schools

A final concern arose in the task force's discussion of part (v) of Shapiro's definition. The OAAIS task force felt that a legal entrenchment of the requirement to provide ready access to alternative points of view might be employed by unsympathetic officials to limit the freedom of independent schools to teach from a clear and well-articulated "point of view." In other words, this provision is susceptible to an interpretation which requires schools to take a comparative, supermarket-style approach to "alternative points of view." This would limit a school's ability to present as *truth* its community's particular perspective on reality.

Clearly, this is not Shapiro's personal intention. But authorities who are less benevolent and tolerant than he might conclude, on the basis of this provision, that independent schools which have a distinct religious and/or philosophical base are, by definition, engaged in indoctrination rather than true education. An adequate definition of satisfactory instruction, ought to protect independent (and Catholic) schools from such potential interference.

In the next article we will examine the task force's proposed alternative definition of satisfactory instruction.

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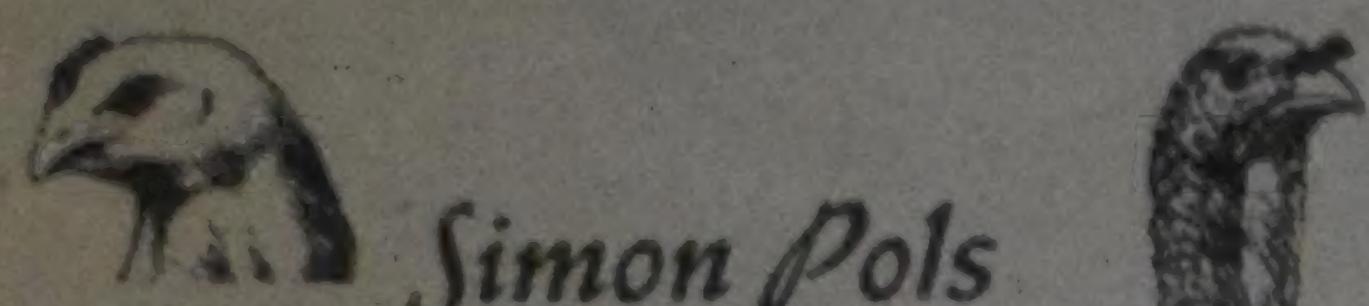


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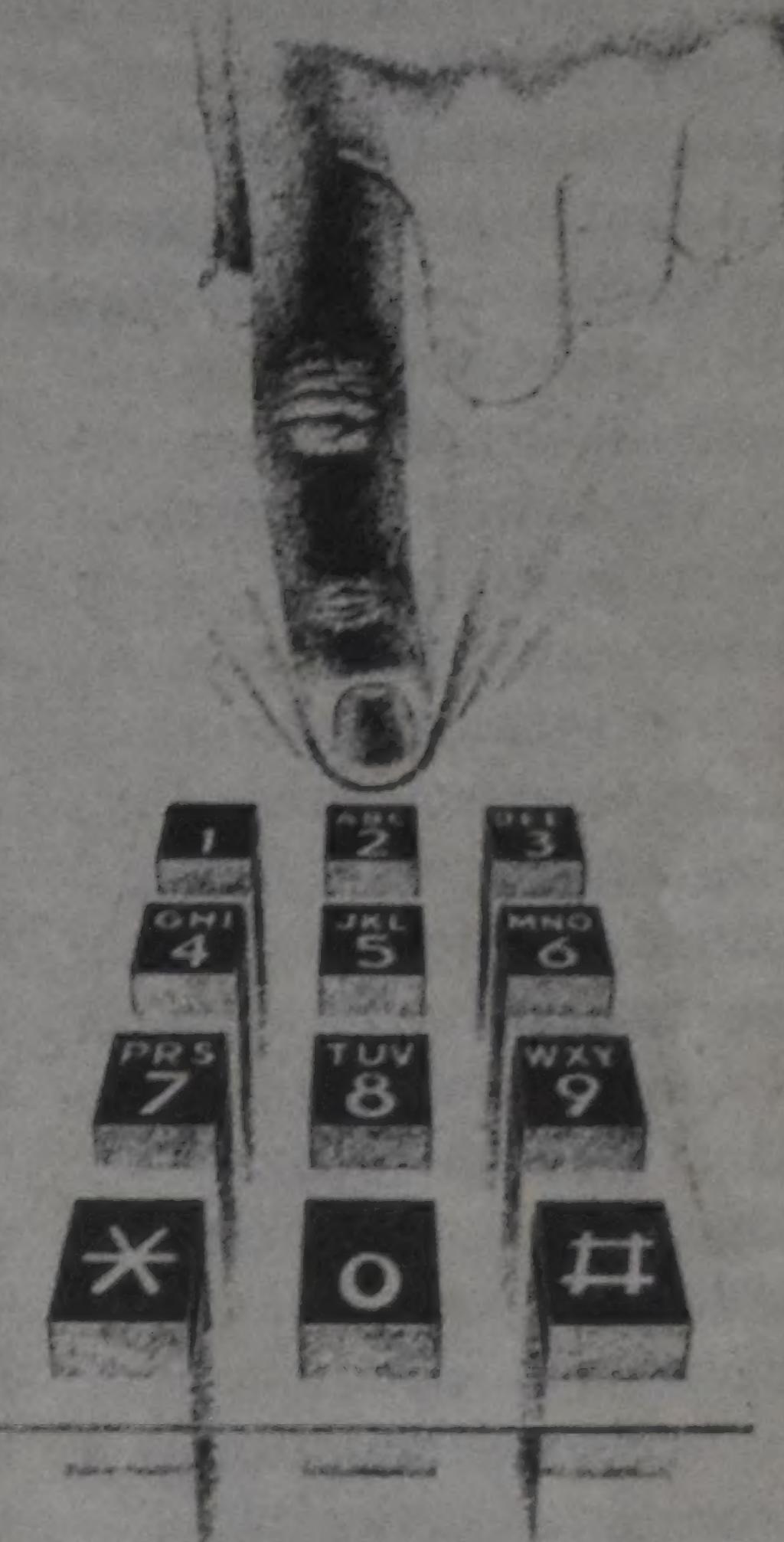
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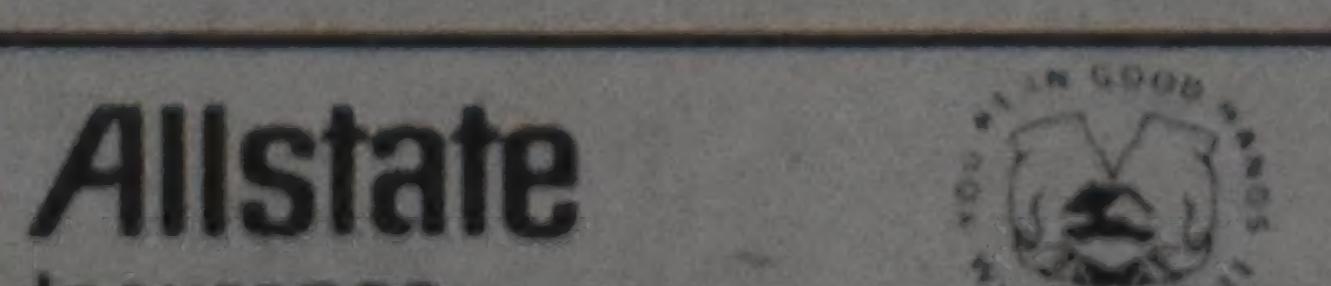


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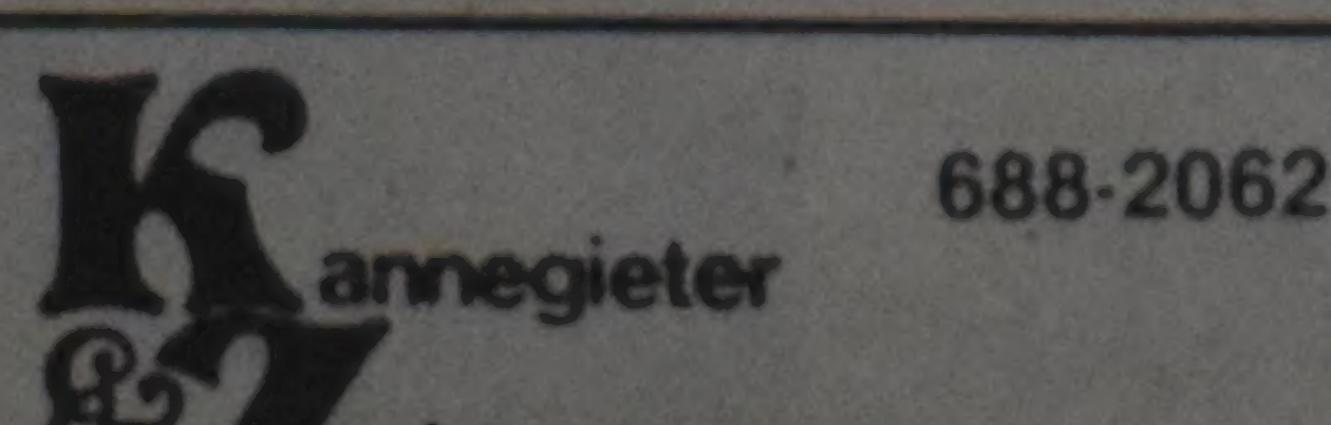
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Feature

Bert Witvoet

Fred Tamminga lives on an abandoned Indian reservation just outside Haney, British Columbia. In order to get to the reservation, one has to cross the Pitt River which leads from Pitt Lake to the mouth of the Fraser River. Fred said he would take me across in a canoe if the weather was not too ghastly, or "ghostly" as he might have put it. It turned out that the weather was gorgeous in Fred's part of lower B.C. the day I decided to visit him. The temperature was a balmy 16 degrees — not bad for mid-March even in British Columbia.

Fred is a writer of poetry, plays, fiction and non-fiction. *Calvinist Contact* has published a few of his poems and articles in the last few years, and I had wondered what lay behind the refreshingly "different" ideas and feelings that run through that writing. Perhaps a visit would enlighten me. Why was he living as a near recluse for these past three years?

After we crossed the unusually calm water (no tidal movements were noticeable and the wind was holding its breath), we walked along a narrow trail through the bush until we came to the last of four or five cabins — Fred's place. The cabin, no bigger than 12 by 18 feet, stands on stilts and is surrounded and overshadowed by red cedars, hemlock and other trees native to the B.C. rain forest. I immediately noticed a lot of moss and lichen. The Katzie Indians, who own the reservation, are named after a lichen that has many medicinal powers, Fred told me.

Fred and I sat down in his one-room home, cool because of the almost permanent shade. I kept my coat on while Fred lit the woodstove. A fold-up ladder provided access to the attic where Fred's mattress lay on the floor. There was no electricity and water.

So, this is where Fred pounds out his stories, I thought, as I examined the manual typewriter on a rough-hewn table. Apart from a few shelves with books, there was very little that might distract him. Fred had managed to pare down his existence to the bare necessities.

Four gifts from God

It wasn't long before we were into the question "Why do you live here like this?" Fred's answer came in conversation fragments throughout the day. His first "fragment" pointed out that he believes there are four basic things that God wants us to have: all the things we need (which apparently fit into a 12-by-18-foot space), the experience of love, health, and perfect self-expression. This isolated existence apparently offers him all four gifts. Fred decided to elaborate on the "perfect self-expression."

"A good part of my life I expressed others," says Fred. "I gave them the power to express themselves through me. You can be 30 years away from your mother and still hear her. What I found was that all the people in my life didn't matter here. No matter what

kind of professor I had at Calvin College [Grand Rapids, Michigan], he wouldn't get the fire started for me. The real self had to come out for that.

"I didn't starve here. I learned about mushrooms and fiddleheads — not from books. It's the higher self that comes in touch with the intelligence that God provides," Fred concludes.

Out of this self-intelligence Fred likes to write. That's another reason for his coming here — to write. He's been writing a children's book for some time. It's almost done, but not all the information is in place, he told me. "Not that there is anything new under the sun. God already knows what the book looks like and what the title will be. But for me to get the right title, it has to feel right," Fred asserts.

Who's bothering me?

What about the other things God wants us to have? Did Fred come here for health, for example? Yes, he did. He is writing a book about that too. "I gave up on those who said that I had to put up with a sore back. Practically all back ailments have a metaphysical cause," says Fred. "We have a little tape in our subconscious that plays our thoughts. Because of that I seldom say to myself 'What's bothering me,' but 'Who's bothering me.' Who is something I let inside of me to bother me."

Fred was asthmatic since his boyhood years. He no longer is, he claims. He'll be 53 this year, but he can do handstands better now than when he was 18. "The minute you take physical ailments away, the body rejoices," he says.

I recognized these ideas from Fred's articles. Fred had written that wrong thoughts produce illness. When I told him at lunch time that I couldn't eat his bread because I have a yeast allergy, he suggested he do a few affirmations over me. "Tell your body, you're in control — it'll obey you," he said.

The minute you think Fred has gone off the deep end — into Eastern mysticism, for example — he suddenly links his thoughts to the gospel.

"There are over 3,000 promises in the Bible," he says, and they all work. Jesus makes it work with slimy clay. But it's not the clay. The real source is thinking with feeling so that you really believe it."

Too much Calvinism

"We Calvinists have a sin complex," he said later that

afternoon. (Fred and I had left the cabin for a nice sunny spot on the shore of the Pitt River.) "Struggling, straining and striving is not of God. We must wait for God. That means, among other things, that we have to get in touch with our feelings."

"The Reformation was necessary to produce some clear-headed thinking," he continued. "John Calvin was a super brain who knocked the wind out of idolatry and superstition. Feelings were misleading then. But with 400 years of Calvinism behind you, you are not likely to be feeling much about God."

Fred made other comments that imply a waiting for God: "The Spirit will take care of you when you sleep. Forgiving is the total opposite of for-taking."

Fred used to love Emerson, Walt Whitman and Thoreau. He didn't care what Calvin College professors had to say about these non-Calvinistic writers. "Why should I listen to you," he would say quietly; "you have a bloody ulcer." Later on he found himself writing things that were similar to what Emerson and company wrote.

Being one with God

Fred believes that human beings have to be at one with God and the universe. He hyphenates atonement into at-one-ment. Thus God wants us to be at one with our neighbour and our environment.

When Fred first moved into his tiny cabin, he found that mice already lived there. They walked over his pillow at night and wriggled into his food cabinet any time of the day and night. What to do? Fred decided to talk to the mice and to tell them to stay out of the cabin. They did. He has done the same thing to mosquitoes. Visitors ask him what kind of spray he uses to keep the mosquitoes out. He uses none, he said, except perhaps the spray of his mouth when he talks.

Talking about spraying: underneath Fred's cabin is a woodpile that houses a skunk. The skunk has never sprayed Fred even though the two meet from time to time. Fred always makes a point of announcing his coming when he goes to the woodpile. He talks to the skunk so that it will not be afraid of him. At regular intervals, he gets company from a raccoon and from birds that come to his feeder. He exercises loving and pipe-smoking dominion over the animals he meets.

Of course, he wasn't exactly smoking a pipe on the day he suddenly found himself confronted by a very tense cougar. Fred's first reaction was one of fear. But since fear is only a phantom, according to Fred, acknowledgement of his fear brought calmness. It seemed that the big cat was

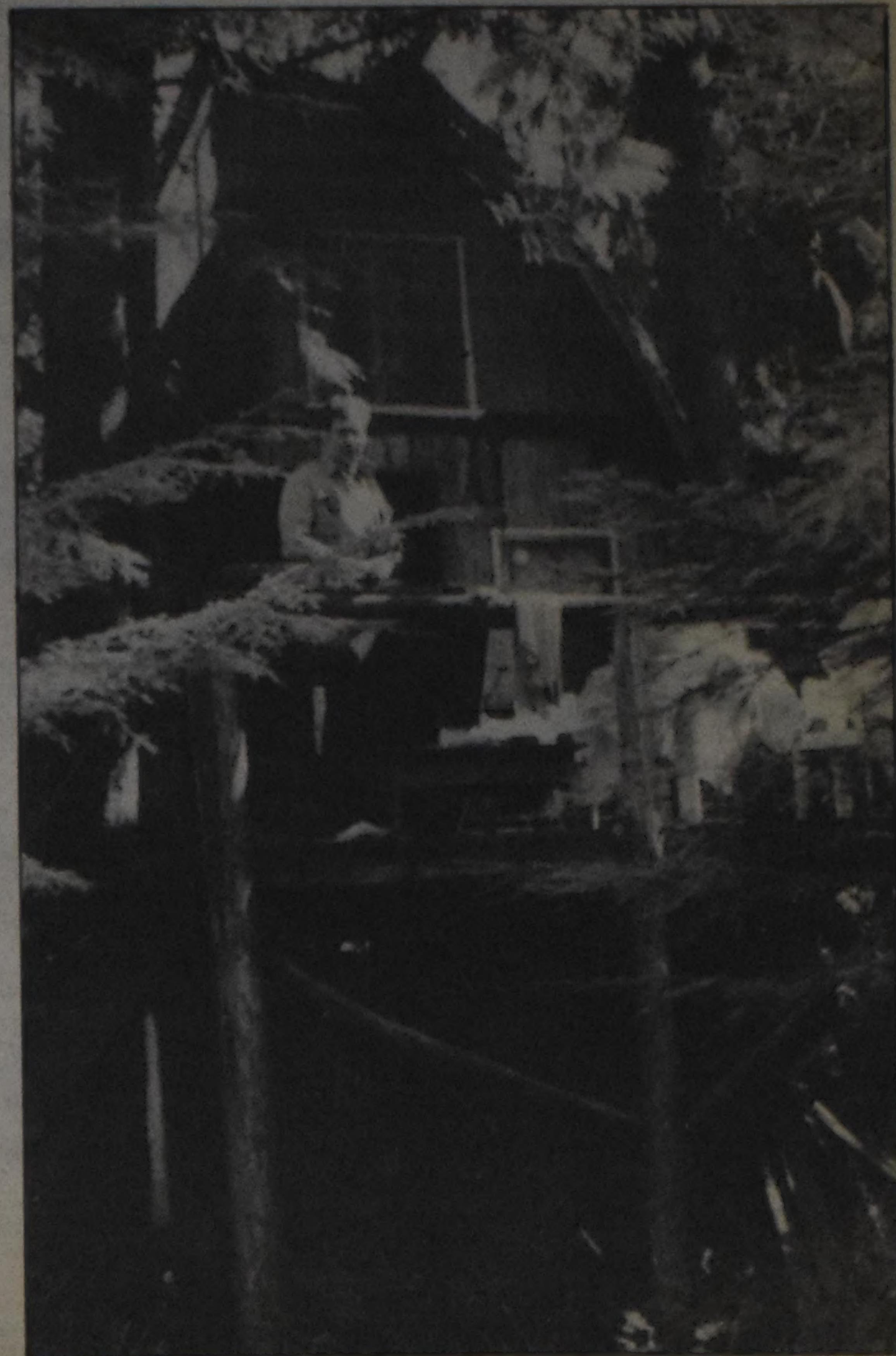


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"The cabin, no bigger than 12 by 18 feet, stands on stilts...."

A day in the bus author Fred Tam

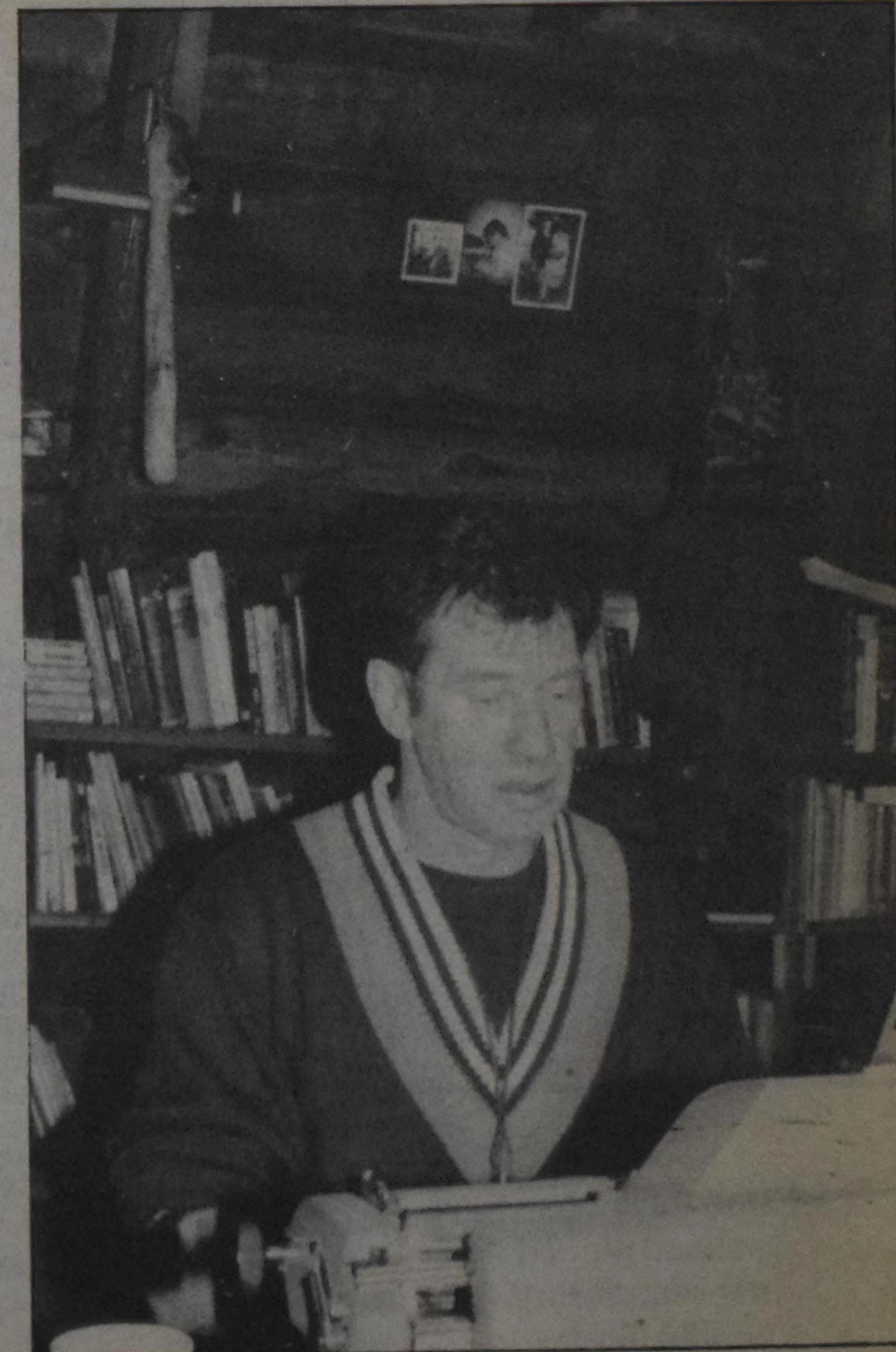


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"Fred said he would take me across in a canoe."

in the bush with Tamminga

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"I kept my coat on while Fred lit the woodstove."Photo: Bert Wijvoet
"A nice sunny spot on the shore of the Pitt River."

waiting for his next thought. Fred noticed that the animal was keeping a distance of 12 feet between Fred and itself (12 feet is the distance it can jump — "his sense of sphere sovereignty," said Fred).

When Fred moved ahead, the cougar moved ahead. When Fred backed up, the cougar backed up.

After Fred had regained his composure, he talked to the cougar, calmly. He acknowledged the animal's beauty and used a Hindu expression "I bow to the god within thee." The cougar kept its distance. Finally, after several minutes of quiet talk, Fred reached his cabin trail. He walked up the trail, and the cougar went its way.

Balance of time and space

When Fred talks about the future he talks in terms of being groomed for something that has to do with space and time. He explains it in terms of music.

Rock groups do so well today because they stress rhythm, he says. Rhythm has to do with time, and since our society is preoccupied with time, it likes rhythmic music. Over against that kind of music, Hindu and Hebrew music are far more celestial and "spacy." We need a balance between time food and space food," says Fred. "A good symphony will have rhythmic and 'spacy' music. Rock groups reflect a group of society that says everything is now and nothing else is important. Much of it is the same — copies of copies."

The same can be said about what's in the news, according to Fred. "It's the same repetitious stuff every day. One disaster follows another."

It's this fast-paced society, symbolized by rock music and news stories, that Fred wanted to escape when he decided to live in the bush for a few years. Everything around him on the Katzie reservation occurs in more or less slow motion. "I kind of think that slowly is holy," says Fred. "Wait upon the Lord. You do enough; you get enough. I experience that with a few hours of daylight, what in the past took me six weeks, I can now do in a few hours — like an article for *Calvinist Contact*."

That comes from periods of stillness, he thinks. He believes that he finally understands what the old prophets and holy men meant when they talked about finding stillness.

"Stillness is not the absence of noise. I hear storms. They make me still. From my veranda I watched a grizzly shake the bent-over alders on the other side of the ravine. He was trying to get at the mice and other rodents that live in its root system. That makes me still."

There was a lot in what Fred was saying that sounded right

to me. At the same time, I told him that he and I were on different wavelengths. Obviously. After all, I have the allergies, right?

An oasis of space

I am not comfortable with the Eastern, new-age concepts that are woven into his Christian understanding. At the same time, I know that there is plenty of Western, rationalistic material woven into my Christian understanding. My community is comfortable with Western individualism but tends to rage against Eastern universalism. I must admit that being with Fred that day was like being in an oasis of space. I relaxed and felt a true sense of wholeness. This positive feeling stayed with me for several days.

That need not be attributed to Fred's thinking, of course. The beautiful weather, the friendship I felt, the peaceful surrounding poured over me like a balm in Gilead.

But I must say that much of Fred's thinking makes creational sense. How can I argue against his belief in power over animals, when the Bible tells me that all I had to do was say to one of those mountains that surrounded us that afternoon, "Be moved into the Pacific Ocean," and it would have obeyed me.

The truth is, I have a hard time believing that. I am more comfortable with the anxiety of time than with the peace of space. And in my heart of hearts, I do believe that my allergy is brought on by something I allowed to enter into myself. I am beginning to ask, "Who's bothering me?"

I don't think we have to go into the direction of pantheism to believe that. I also think that, although concern for health can be an idol, I don't want to use that as an excuse for bad health. I can see that what Fred Tamminga is doing for a few years can bring about healing. We too often feel that we must judge things in an either/or fashion. Fred will come out of the wilderness. And in the meantime, he is writing. I don't know how he will be received when he comes out, but that doesn't seem to worry him a whole lot. He's used to waiting.

Later that afternoon, Fred canoed me back to the other shores and drove me into town. I gave him some money for gas and for a few groceries. But not too much. He has to find his way, as I do mine. I don't want to make his "space way" work by giving him the fruits of my toil.

A few hours later I was on the ferry, on the way to a day with Nick Loenen the Richmond MLA (See my article in the Apr. 8 issue). As it turned out, I would view Nick's work from the stillness of the Katzie reservation. I hope I can hold on to that perspective for a long time.

Family/Media

Ontario public libraries receive \$40.2-million

TORONTO — Ontario public libraries will receive \$40.2-million in funding to support library services for the 1988/89 fiscal year, Minister of Culture and Communications Lily Oddie Munro announced today.

She also announced the creation of a special fund to assist libraries in economically hard-pressed smaller communities in Northern Ontario. "Northern communities have had an exceptional record of supporting their public libraries in the past," Dr. Oddie Munro said.

"This 'safety net' funding responds to recommendations made during last year's Prospects North conference for additional assistance to libraries in communities facing changing economic conditions."

Grass roots discussion

Dr. Oddie Munro also noted that plans for two further regional library conferences in Southwestern and Eastern Ontario will begin in 1988. "The Prospects North conference in Thunder Bay contributed greatly to finding creative solutions to common issues affecting Northern public libraries," she said. "Regional conferences in Southwestern and Eastern Ontario will allow similar grass root discussions of the challenges confronting libraries in these parts of Ontario."

The increase in funding for 1988/89 totals \$1.6-million more than last year in provincial non-capital support. This funding includes direct transfer payments of \$27.6-million to public libraries. Funding support also is provided to the Ontario Library Service, an agency of the Ministry which co-ordinates interlibrary loans, and for such programs as Writers-In-Libraries, Native

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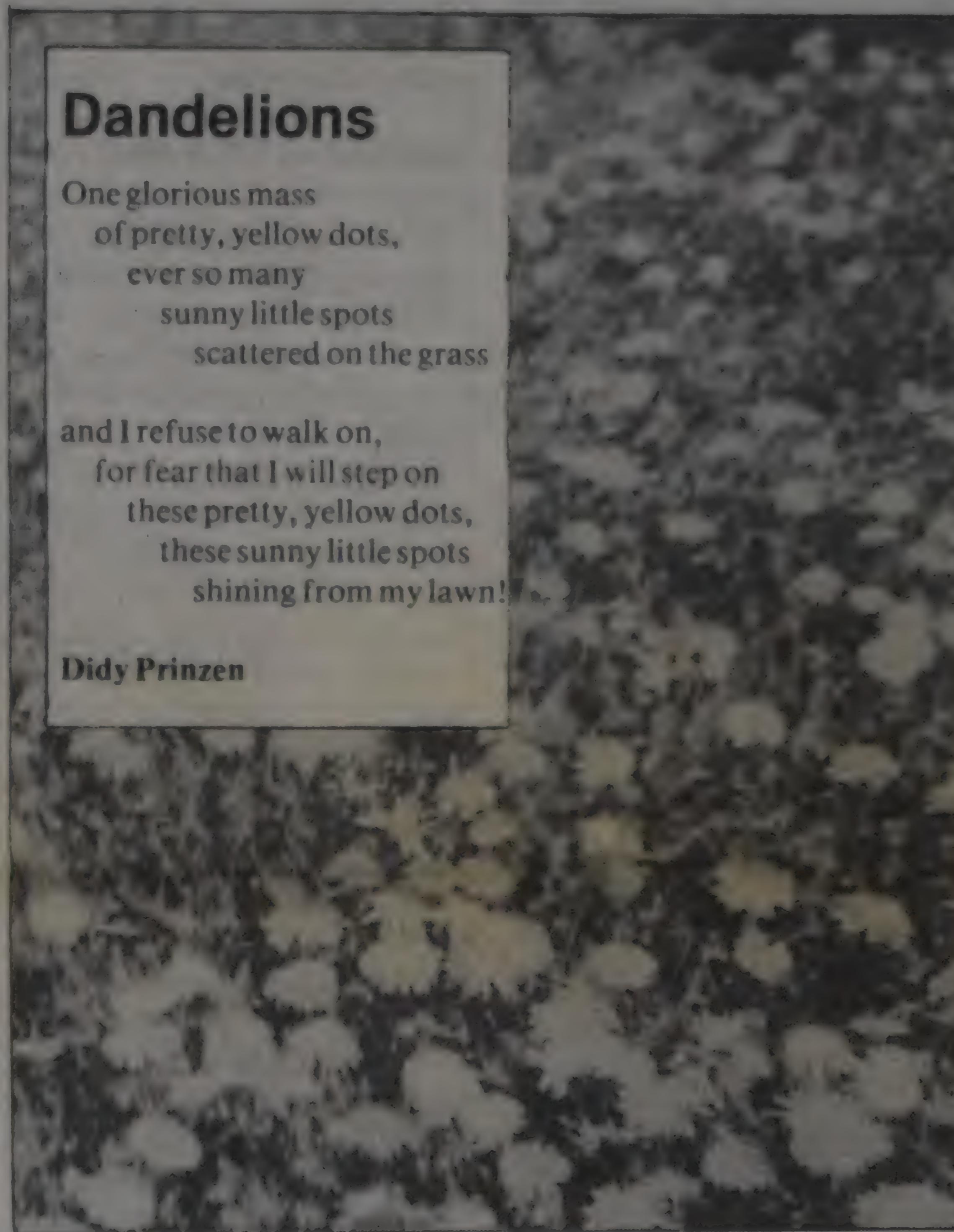
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The boy, Ingmar, makes sense of the losses he experiences through comparisons which he thinks out very carefully. "It's always important to compare," he says — he knows, even in his own loneliness, that many others (people and animals) are far worse off than he and he consoles himself with that fact.

Though his ability to think logically and rationally helps him through his difficulties, and though he has to "grow up" quickly, Ingmar doesn't lose his child's honesty and easy acceptance of those around him. Ingmar, while growing up in the 1950s, wryly senses that the life of a child and the life of a dog have something in common. He, like his beloved pet, Sigun, is part of the family; he's cute and playful, and fun to have around when he behaves. He's well-fed and not intentionally mistreated. But all the same, a child's deepest feelings and thoughts are not to be taken seriously — after all, how "deep" can they be, how much can he *really* feel?

While current attitudes towards children may be somewhat more "enlightened," many viewers will instantly empathize with Ingmar. Hallstrom has given us a film with integrity and has refused to let his bittersweet story degenerate into tear-jerking sentimentality. It is a real celebration of childhood.

* This film is still playing in the larger Canadian (and American) cities but it was also just released on video.

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<p>Marriages</p> <p>GOUD-OKKEMA: Mr. and Mrs. John Goud of Waterdown, Ont., are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter MARLENE DIANE JANNETTE to JOHN PETER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Okkema of Simcoe, Ont. The ceremony will take place, D.V., on May 14, 1988, at 2:30 p.m. in Calvin Chr. Ref. Church of Dundas, Ont. Rev. R. Stienstra officiating. They will reside in Caledonia, Ont.</p> <p>GROEN-VOORTMAN: With praise and thanks to God, Joe and Betty Groen, and Harry and Annie Voortman, joyfully announce the marriage of their children, LAURALEE and ROBERT. This celebration of love took place in Hamilton First Chr. Ref. Church on Apr. 29, 1988, with Rev. John Postuma officiating.</p>	<p>ZANTINGH-BUIST: With thankful hearts, we, the parents, Rick and Willy Zantingh of Dunnville and Anton and Tini Buist of Canfield, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of our children CYNTHIA and ALEXANDER ANTHONY. The wedding ceremony will take place, the Lord willing, on May 21, 1988, at 2:30 p.m., in the Bethel Chr. Ref. Church of Dunnville with Rev. H.A. Vanderwindt officiating. We wish them the Lord's blessing and guidance in their new life together.</p> <p>Future address: R.R.#1, Canfield, ON N0A 1C0</p>	<p>Leeuwarden, Fr. Grimsby, Ont. 1933 1988 "He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler." (Psalm 91:4) On May 10, 1988, the Lord willing, we hope to celebrate with our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents,</p> <p>THOMAS and RENSKE DRAAIJSTRA (nee Joekema) their 55th wedding anniversary. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless and keep them in his care:</p> <p>Anny & John de Roos — Grimsby, Ont. Hinke & Gert Draaijstra — Grimsby, Ont. Mike & Jane Draaijstra — Dunnville, Ont. Francis & Henk Postma — Grimsby, Ont. Evelyn & Henk Lip — Grimsby, Ont. Frank & Harriett Draaijstra — Brantford, Ont. Jane & Frank Day — Millgrove, Ont. 25 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. We also remember our daughter and sister Tjitske who was called home by our Lord in 1952 and grandson Thomas who was called home in 1981.</p> <p>Home address: 2 Rossmore Rd., Apt. #301, Grimsby, ON L3M 3E3</p>		<p>Congratulations to Pieter and Hilda Hoekstra (nee Adema) who will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary, D.V., on May 26, 1988.</p>
<p>Thanks</p> <p>BREMER: To all those who have shown us their love, by way of cards, flowers, etc., with the passing away of my wife and our mother, Tena Bremer, our heartfelt thanks. Your concern and support have been overwhelming and have given us much strength as we mourn our loved one.</p> <p>John Bremer and children.</p>	<p>BRUS: I would like to thank all my friends and relatives who made my 80th birthday an unforgettable one. Thank you for the many cards, visits, flowers and the best wishes received at the open house. A special thanks to all my children and grandchildren for arranging this wonderful surprise for me. God is good, indeed!</p> <p>Mrs. Aleida G. Brus, Brantford, Ont.</p>	<p>Olderkerk Jarvis 1933 May 17 1988 Thankful to the Lord, we wish to announce the 55th wedding anniversary of our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents,</p> <p>PIETER and HENRIETTA HIELEMA (nee Boonstra) It is our wish that the Lord will bless and keep them for many more years.</p>	<p>Leithbridge, Alberta 1952 1988 With praise and thanks to God, we rejoice in the 35th wedding anniversary, on May 22nd, of our parents and grandparents,</p> <p>HENDRIK and PAULINE BRAAK (nee Nieuwenhuis) With much love from your children and grandchildren:</p> <p>Corry & Cindy Braak — Toronto, Ont. Carly, Christie, Danielle, Cassidy Betty & Mark Bandstra — Smithers, B.C. Tamara, Theo Sid & Deb Braak — Calgary, Alta. Kyle, David Pete Braak — Lethbridge, Alta. Hermina & Gerald Vanderkwaak — Fort Nelson, B.C. Natasha John & Marlene Braak — Nepean, Ont.</p>	<p>Leimuiden Ardrossan 1948 May 25 1988 Hebrews 13:15. With joy and thanks to God, we announce the 40th anniversary of our parents and grandparents,</p> <p>JACOB and CORRIE HORSMAN (nee Rietdijk) Congratulations and love from:</p> <p>Corry Hilda & Wayne Royer; Johnny Geri & John Oort; Krista, David, Andrea, Charlene Bex & Dirk Kalf; Danny, Steven, Bradley Joanne Christopher (Paul) Open house will be held on June 3, 1988, from 8 p.m. - 10:30 p.m., at East Edmonton Chr. School</p>
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<p>"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness." (II Timothy 4:7,8a)</p> <p>On May 2, 1988,</p> <p>JAMES (Jelle) BOEYENGA</p> <p>a child of the Lord, was called home, in his 56th year.</p> <p>Beloved husband of Joyce (VanderEems). Dear father of Andrew, Michael and Geoffrey at home. Dear son of Patricia Boeyenga and the late John Boeyenga (1987) of Kingston. Dear brother of:</p> <p>Everett & Carla Boeyenga — Barrie</p> <p>Barbara & Jack Duiker — Barrie</p> <p>Grace & John DeJong — Guelph</p> <p>Gertie & Neil Minnema — Kingston</p> <p>Ann & Dave Williams — Barrie</p> <p>Janet & Dirk Dykstra — Kingston</p> <p>Ann Boeyenga (and the late Joe Boeyenga 1984) — Edmonton</p> <p>The funeral service was held Friday, May 6, at 1 p.m., in the Maranatha Chr. Ref. Church in St. Catharines.</p> <p>Home address: 13 Ghent St., St. Catharines, ON L2N 2C5</p> <p>"Het hart des mensen overdenkt zinnen weg, maar de Heere stuurt zinnen gang." (Spreuken 16:9)</p> <p>De Heere heeft tot zich genomen in Zijn heerlijkheid onze geliefde schoonzoon en zwager,</p> <p>JAMES (Jelle) BOEYENGA</p> <p>op de leeftijd van 55 jaar.</p> <p>Wij bidden dat de Heere zijn sterkte en troost mag geven aan Joyce Boeyenga-VanderEems, onze geliefde dochter en zuster en aan de kinderen, Andrew, Michael en Geoffrey.</p> <p>A. VanderEems-Kamstra — Holland</p> <p>Grace & Ralph Meilema — New Westminster</p> <p>Cora & Theo Boshuisen — Holland</p> <p>Nieske & Chris Tegel — Holland</p> <p>Anne & Rijma Makkinje — Holland</p> <p>Kees & Ali VanderEems — Holland</p> <p>Ken & Bev VanderEems — Carleton Place</p> <p>Bouwe & Anneke VanderEems — Holland</p> <p>Dirk & Hanny VanderEems — Holland</p>	<p>Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me!</p> <p>On Apr. 27, 1988, the Lord took unto himself our dearly loved grandson, nephew and cousin,</p> <p>GERRIT WILLIAM BRUNSVELD</p> <p>Predeceased by his grandfather William Bruining (1987).</p> <p>He will be greatly missed by his grandmother, Mrs. Akke Bruining and by his many aunts, uncles and cousins:</p> <p>Wietze & Audrey Bruining — Newington</p> <p>Loriann, Shirley, Shailyn, William, Maria</p> <p>John & Ykje Tibben — Brinston</p> <p>Robert, Eric, Bill, Randy</p> <p>Heine & Ann Bruining — Newington</p> <p>Rachael, William, Angela, Jessica, Brittney</p> <p>Bob & Griet Griffin — Calumet Island</p> <p>Brooke, Troy, Annalee</p> <p>Anne Bruining — Brampton</p> <p>Jeff & Dorothy DeVries — Williamsburg</p> <p>Nathan, Kurtis</p> <p>We love you Bonnie, Will and Amy. May the Lord comfort you in the loss of your son and brother.</p>	<p>"In my Father's house are many rooms ... I go to prepare a place for you." (John 14:2)</p> <p>On Apr. 20, 1988, the Lord took home into his glory,</p> <p>A. HUGH COOK</p> <p>76 years old.</p> <p>The beloved husband of Janna Cook of New Westminster. He was predeceased by a grandchild, Renee deBoer. The same day as Mr. Cook's death, his grandson Keith deBoer died in a tragic accident. Mr. Cook's children and grandchildren are:</p> <p>Harry & Rita Cook</p> <p>Colin, Natalie, Rebecca</p> <p>John & Sarah Cook</p> <p>Nigel, Elisa, Milon</p> <p>Margaret & Bill deBoer</p> <p>Sharon & James DeVries (Amanda), Annette, Janna</p> <p>Hugh & Judy Cook</p> <p>Karin & Arn Boonstra, Jeremy, Justin</p> <p>Case & Jan Cook</p> <p>Aaron, Kori</p> <p>Mr. Cook is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. D. Henneveld of New Westminster and Mrs. J. Flinterman of Edmonton.</p> <p>With his parents, Bill and Margaret deBoer of Surrey, B.C., and their other children, we mourn the death of,</p> <p>KEITH WILLIAM DEBOER</p> <p>in a tragic accident on Apr. 20, 1988.</p> <p>The text of the funeral service was 2 Cor. 1:3-7.</p> <p>Mrs. Janna Cook</p> <p>Harry & Rita Cook</p> <p>Colin, Natalie, Rebecca</p> <p>John & Sarah Cook</p> <p>Nigel, Elisa, Milon</p> <p>Hugh & Judy Cook</p> <p>Karin & Arn Boonstra, Jeremy, Justin</p> <p>Case & Jan Cook</p> <p>Aaron, Kori</p>	<p>De Heer is mijn herder.</p> <p>In dat geloof werd op 9 april 1988 van ons weggenomen onze medebewoner,</p> <p>Mr. RAY DE JONG</p> <p>op de leeftijd van 79 jaar.</p> <p>Moge de Heere zijn vrouw en kinderen sterken in dit verlies. Mogen zij troost vinden in het weten dat hij nu juicht voor Gods troon.</p> <p>Namens de bewoners van South Chatham Village, 40 Elm St., Chatham, Ont.</p>	<p>DUNCAN, B.C.: Duncan Chr. School invites applications for a secondary math/computer science teaching position for the school year 1988/89. Please send letter of application and resume to: Mrs. Rose Bakker, Box 844, Duncan, B.C. V9L 3Y2 or phone: (604) 746-5537.</p> <p>DUNNVILLE: Dunnville Chr. School invites applications for a possible Grade 2 position and one for Grade 4/5, both for the 1988/89 school year. Our thoughts go out to teachers with strength in music, French and physical education. Please write the principal, Mr. William R. Rang, c/o Dunnville Chr. School, R.R.#1, Dunnville, ON N1A 2W1</p> <p>GUELPH: John Calvin Chr. School, situated in a beautiful university setting, invites applications for a part-time Grade 7 & 8 principal's relief (40%). French and music are an asset. Send inquiries and applications to: Jake Vriend, c/o John Calvin Chr. School, 290 Water St., Guelph, ON N1G 1B8 or call (519) 824-8860 (school) or 836-6507 (home).</p> <p>LINDSAY: Full-time French teacher needed for September 1988 for grades 1-8. Heritage Chr. School, 130 Colborne St., W., Lindsay, ON K9V 3T5. Gerald Brock, Principal (705) 324-8363.</p> <p>NEERLANDIA, Alta.: Neerlandia School, Alberta. Applications are invited for the following openings for the 88/89 school year.</p> <p>1. a definite opening for a Grade 2 teacher and a possible opening in 2. special ed. — resource room for grades 1-6.</p> <p>Please send applications to both: John Piers, Principal, Box 89, Neerlandia, AB T0G 1R0. Phone: (403) 674-4308 and Dr. H. Treleaven, Superintendent, County of Barrhead, #11, Barrhead, AB T0G 0E0</p> <p>SARNIA: Lambton Chr. High School, 295 Essex St., Sarnia, ON N7T 4S3 invites applications for a science teacher. Please send applications and supporting documents to the Principal, Mr. Wayne Drost.</p> <p>WASAGA BEACH: Silvercrest Chr. School invites applications for teachers for 1/2 and 7/8 grades. French or special education an asset. Send resumes to the principal: Silvercrest Chr. School, Zoopark Rd., Wasaga Beach, ON L0L 2P0. Tel. (705) 429-4303.</p> <p>WILLOWDALE: WILLOWDALE Chr. School invites applications for a 60% teaching position at the Grade 5/6 level. If you'd like to join a dynamic school which offers quality Christian education to the Metro Toronto area, please send your resume to: Mr. A. Ben Harsevoort, Principal, c/o 60 Hilda Ave., North York, ON M2M 1V5. Phone: (416) 222-1711 (school) or 665-3133 (home).</p>
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May 14 Spring Concert by "The Ambassadors" at 8 p.m., First CRC, **Hamilton**, Ont.

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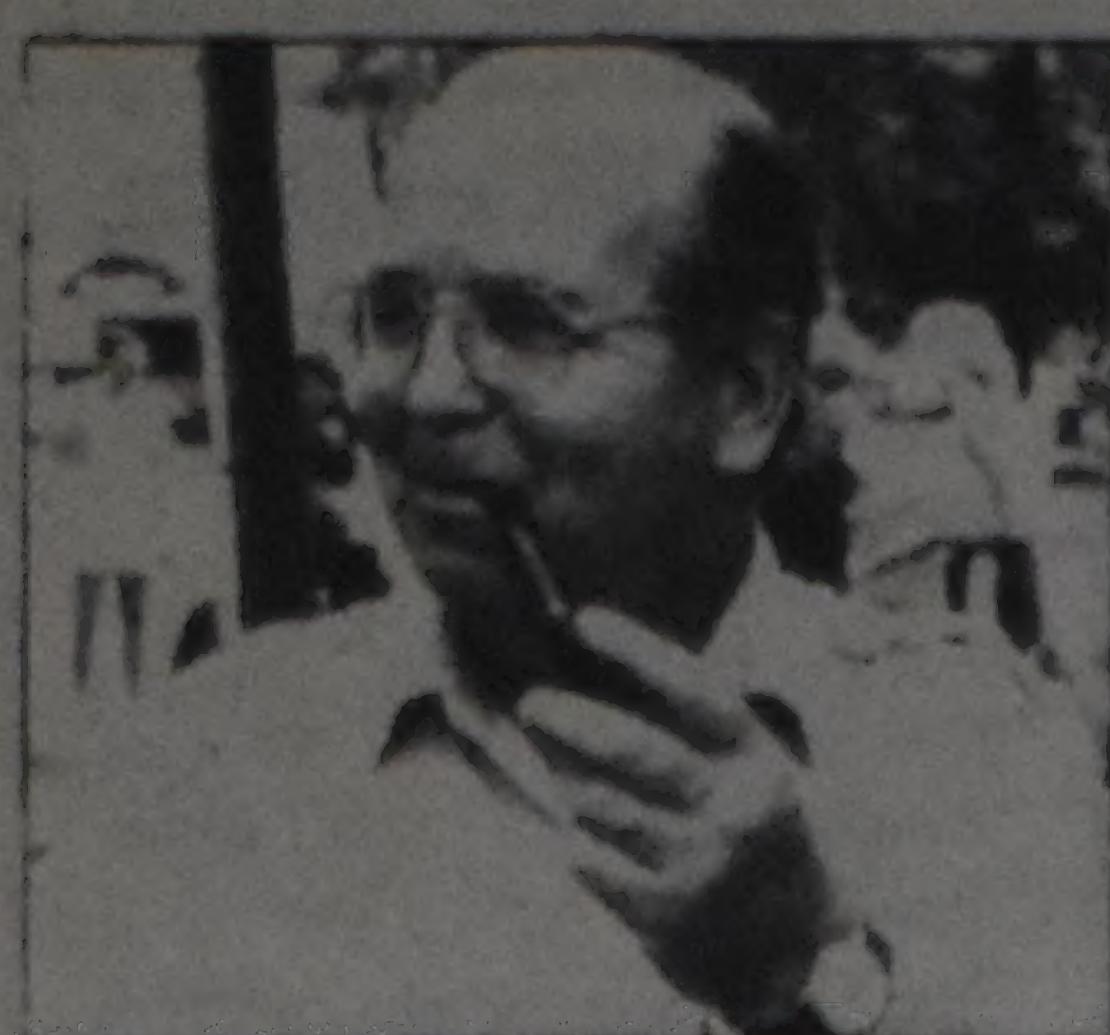
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Het olifantje

Op de rand van onze badkuip staat een groen olifantje. Olifanten zijn meestal niet groen, dus u begrijpt al dat dit een speelgoedje is. Ik ken mijn badkuip niet anders. Het heeft daar tientallen jaren gestaan. Je kunt er in knijpen en dan slurpt ze water met haar opgestoken slurfje. Omdat ik eerst toch niets anders te doen heb, knijp ik er wel es in. Het ding moet *toch* door mijn handen want de zeep ligt er achter. En nette huisvrouw zal toch altijd de zeep achter iets verbergen. Het staat zo raar om zomaar zeep op de rand van de badkuip te zien liggen. Het zou vuil zijn veronderstellen. Je neemt toch geen bad omdat je vuil bent? Je neemt toch een bad om de weldadige warmte van het water op je oude lichaam in te laten werken? Maar we raken van ons onderwerp af. Het olifantje.

Ik ben blij met mijn badkuipbeestje. Ze doet me aan vroeger denken. Toen er drie joggies tegelijk in de kuip zaten. Jongetjes die elkaar met het slurfje zaten te bespuiten. Jongetjes die om het beest

vochten. Als je er dan niet op tijd bij was stond er meer water op de vloer dan in de badkuip. Ik trok 's winters dan ook vaak mijn rubber tuinlaarzen aan als het mijn beurt was die jongetjes te wassen. In de zomer ging ik op blote voeten de badkamer binnen... het koude water op de vloer was lekker koel aan je voeten. Als ik binnen kwam zaten de jongetjes direct al met stijf-toegeknepen oogjes. Als moeder hun haar waste kregen ze nooit zeep in de ogen. Maar vader kwakte zo raar met de shampoo om. En dan hield hij ze met de kopjes net zo lang onder water tot al die troep weer uit was. Soms mochten ze even ademhalen....

Nu komen er wel es kleinkinderen logeren. Een derde generatie die met het olifantje speelt. Het beest zal er nog heel wat jaartjes staan. Als je zeven kinderen hebt, is de rij kleinkinderen niet af te zien. Misschien zal een vierde generatie nog in het beest knijpen. Ze is onverwoestbaar. Ze kwam destijds uit Holland. Nu wordt er tegenwoordig ook in Nederland wel rommel

gefabeerd, maar tientallen jaren geleden was het nog fijn voor elkaar. Canadese luiers namen niet half zo veel op als Hollandse, en welke rechtgeerde emigrantenmoeder wilde vodjes aan de waslijn zien hangen? Dat moesten stevige witte vlaggen zijn. Als je ze dan ook nog met Hollandse zeepoeder waste, kwam er geen Zwitsal aan te pas om de rode biljetjes, die anders door de *te* stevige luiers in de knoei kwamen, weer sneeuwblank te krijgen. Maar de luier-tijd is voorbij. Vroeger zag je aan de waslijn of je met een Rooms Katholieke, Calvinistisch of werelds gezin te doen had. Tegenwoordig moet je in de plasticen vuilniszakken neuzen. Een normaal mens doet zoets niet. Maar weer dwalen we af. Het olifantje.... Ze tuimelt altijd in het water als ik naar de zeep reik. Gelukkig blijft ze drijven. Stel je voor dat door mijn toedoen een olifant in onze badkuip zou

verdrinken. Toch zet ik haar altijd meteen weer netjes op de rand. Bijna eerbiedig, want ze is me zeer lief geworden. Het is immers zo'n functioneel beest? Men verbergt er zeep achter! Kinderen en kleinkinderen spelen met haar! En het zet een oud mens tot denken! Want als ik mijn olifantje aandachtig beschouw, zou ik er, ware ik een dienaar des Woords, zo een preek aan vast kunnen knopen.

Dat doen sommige dominees tegenwoordig. Ze knopen geen preek vast aan de drie punten die elke tekst in zich verborgen schijnt te houden, maar aan het wel en weer der moderne tijd, om dan, als er nog wat tijd over is, ook nog even de Bijbel aan te tippen. Nou, dat is niet goed gereformeerd, hoor! Het mag dus niet! Kere ik terug naar mijn beest.

Mijn olifantje zit. Echte olifantjes kunnen dat ook, maar niet voor zo lange tijd. Mijn olifantje zit met de voorpootjes devout samengevouwen. Het is een echt vroom beestje. Haast zou je verwachten dat ze ook de oogjes dicht deed. Maar dat doet ze niet. Boven het blij omhooggestoken trompetje glinsteren haar oogjes van plezier. Ze heeft reuze schik als ik water over mijn kale hoofd plas. Ze weet heel goed dat al dat water nog geen nieuw haar doet groeien. En als ik in haar bolle lichaampje knijp grinnikt ze, alsof ze wilde zeggen: weet je het nog ouwe teut, van die joggies vroeger?

Mijn vrome olifantje weet helemaal niet dat die vroom-samengevouwen pootjes niet passen bij zo'n vrolijke snoet. Ze heeft er geen benul van dat vrome mensen en beestjes ernstig door het leven behoren te gaan. Ofschoon ik soms met de "Globe and Mail" te water ga, kan ze haar hoofdje niet

genoeg draaien om mee te lezen. Ze weet dus niets van vliegtuigen waarin mensen door een hel gaan. Ze weet niets van Ethiopië of Zuid Afrika.

Hoe kun je nog plezier hebben als de hele wereld *een* groot tranendal is? Hoe kan nog een lach de wang plooien als er machten aan het werk zijn om de kerk des Heren nog eens te splitsen? Ach, mijn dierbaar beestje, je weet van niets. Je kunt gemakkelijk daar met glundere oogjes boven het vrolijke slurfje zitten. Wij die het wel weten, hebben het zo gemakkelijk niet! En toch... en toch, moet het mogelijk zijn om, net als jij, met saamgevouwen handen plezier in het leven te hebben. Want, sinds de Heer is opgestaan is het toch al een beetje nieuwe hemel en aarde waar de traan tot het verleden behoort. En er staat volgens Okke Jager toch ook nog wel wat humor in de Bijbel?

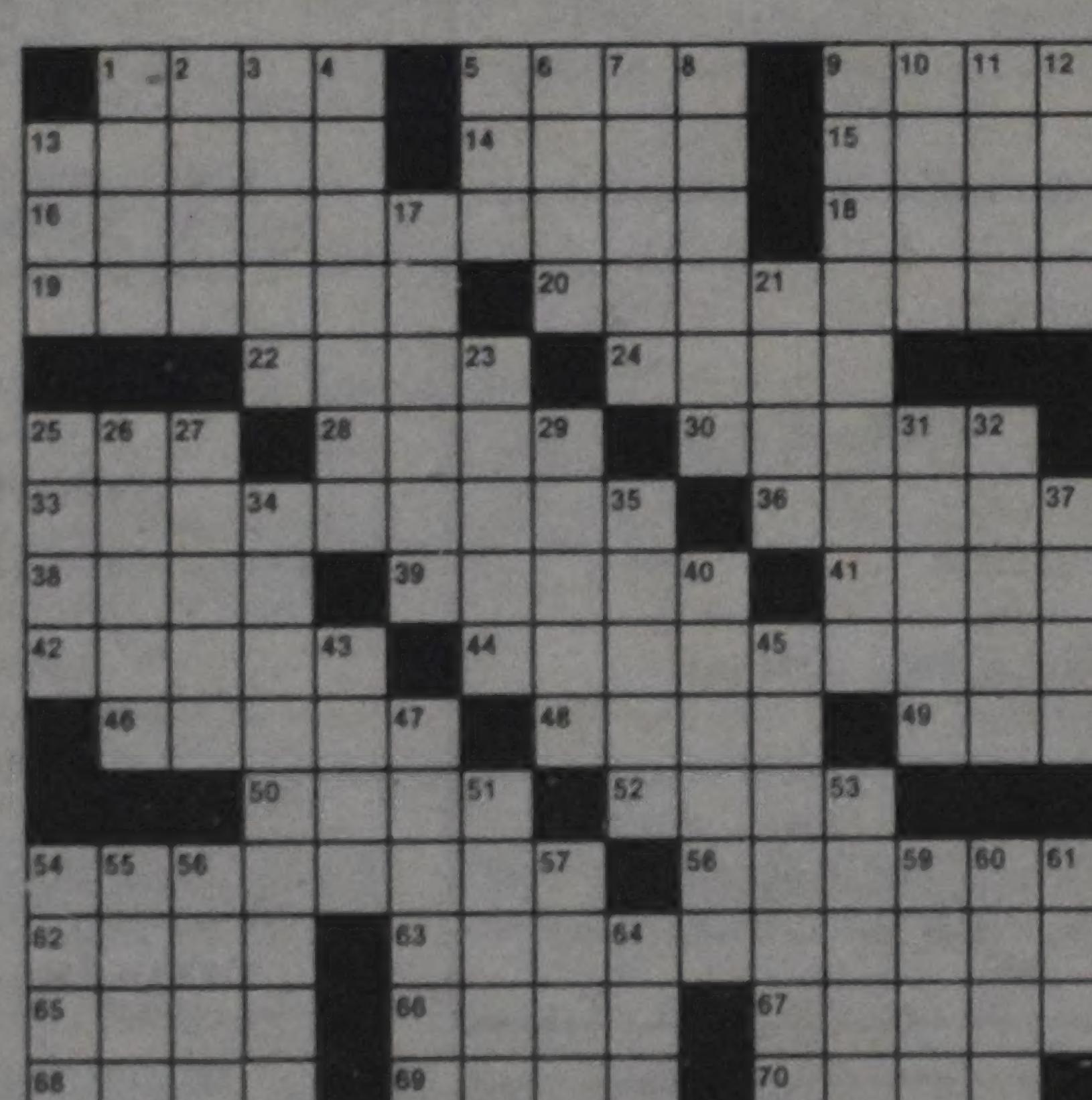
Nou, lief beest, tot de volgende keer. Nee meid, breng nou niet die lief samengevouwen pootjes naar je lach-oogjes om een traan weg te wissen. Morgen zie je me toch immers weer? Oh, ik moet de zeep nog achter je leggen... bedoelde je dat? Moet ik je nog even knijpen? Vooruit dan maar....

Herman De Jong woont in Jordan Station, Ont.

Weekly Crossword

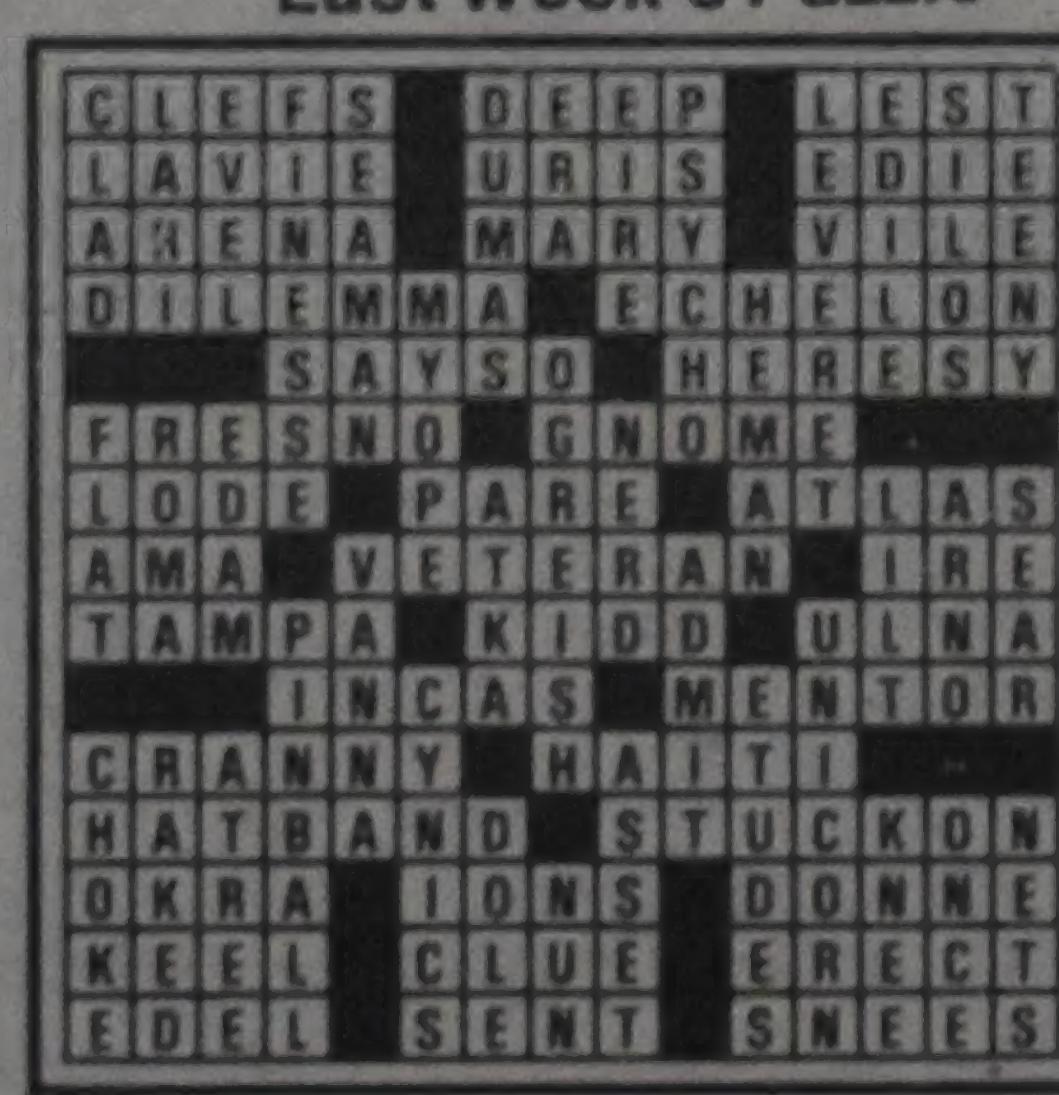
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Last Week's Puzzle



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45 Prescription phrase
47 Rostrums
51 Fr. river
53 Resort in Vermont
54 Shark
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56 "The — of Spring"
57 Undressed
59 Cygnus
60 Etats—
61 Attention-getting sound
64 Singer Jones

Galilea

Wij kwamen aan zijn graf: Hij was er niet.
Gods engel zei dat Hij was opgestaan,
Naar Galilea ons was voorgegaan:
Hij was ons voorgegaan, Hij was er niet.

Toen is Hij ons verschenen en zijn stem
Heeft ons dit wonder teken doen verstaan:
Naar Galilea is Hij voorgegaan,
Hij is ons voorgegaan, wij volgen Hem.

Hij is verschenen, maar Hij ging weer heen.
Hij is verschenen en weer heengegaan
Ten hemel, en wij bleven eenzaam staan:
Wij bleven eenzaam, want Hij ging weer heen.

Maar wie met Hem naar Galilea ging
Heeft Hij dit wonder teken doen verstaan:
Hij is ons naar de hemel voorgegaan
Als een vertrouwende herinnering.

Muus Jacobse
Uit: *Bijbelse Gedichten*

Hemelvaart

O, hart, onstuimig, vol verlangen
waar blijven nu uw feestgezangen?
Jezus, die u had bijgestaan
is van de aarde heengegaan.

daar staat ge nu met lege handen
verbroken zijn de tere banden

er was een boodschap — Jezus' stem
"Gaat gij nu naar Jeruzalem
wacht daar. 'k Zal u mijn Trooster geven
Hij helpt en steunt u in het leven."

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Als je 't mij vraagt...

Syrt Wolters

Als ik zo werkeloos met mijn armen op het hek in de verte staar en toch niets zie, gaan m'n gedachten vaak terug naar de eerste tijd dat we in Canada waren. M'n jongere kinderen luisteren altijd begerig naar "verhalen van vroeger." Eens werd de uitdrukking gebruikt: Cleanliness is next to godliness. Ik zei toen terloops: "Degene die dat gezegde uitgevonden heeft, had doodgeschoten moeten worden!" Prompt natuurlijk, kreeg ik de vraag: "Waarom zei u dat, vader?" Toen heb ik hen verteld hoe we in de winter van 1948/49 in een "lumber camp" woonden en werkten. We woonden in een houten hut van niet al te grote afmetingen. Het had twee vertrekken. In het grootste vertrek woonden we. In dat vertrek gebeurde alles wat er zoal in een gezin met drie kinderen gebeurt: eten, wassen, koken, leren, enz. Dat andere vertrek was het slaapvertrek van het hele gezin. Ook de wekelijkse was moest er gedaan worden en dat was geen peuleschilletje. De Nederlandse wasdag is altijd op maandag, zoals de ouderen onder ons allemaal wel weten. Maar "maandag-wasdag" was tenenemal onmogelijk in dat "lumber camp." U moet weten, dat de winters in noordelijk British Columbia bar koud kunnen zijn, zo koud zelfs, dat één van onze boswerkers, toen na een vrij lange, abnormaal koude periode de temperatuur "steeg" tot 20 onder nul, zei: "You can feel it — there is a touch of spring in the air!" Hij meende wat hij zei! Dit, naar ik hoop, geeft u een goede demonstratie hoe koud het kan zijn zo'n 6000 voet hoog in de bergen. Bovendien valt er ontzettend veel sneeuw. Kunt u zich nu zo'n bos kamp voorstellen, waar de houten hutten verspreid zijn over een heuvelachtig terrein, schots en scheef door elkaar? Om water te krijgen voor de koffie en de maaltijden ging je gewoon sneeuw smelten. Daarom stond er altijd een grote tobbe op de kachel. Als zo'n tobbe vol sneeuw was leek het heel wat, maar als het gesmolten was, bleek het maar een heel klein beetje water op te leveren. Hoe moest dat nu op wasdag? Gelukkig(!) had het kamp twee putten of eigenlijk "bronnen." Eén ervan was vrij dicht bij onze hut, maar het was alleen maar te gebruiken voor de paarden als drinkwater. Het was bruin en smaakte naar zwavel. Voor de was was het helemaal niet geschikt. De andere "bron" was een paar "heuvels" bij ons vandaan. Ergens in één van die "valleitjes," op een laag punt, was een bron met goed water.

Maandag was was-water-avond

Voor de wekelijkse familiewas moest m'n vrouw de beschikking hebben over 10 tot 12 emmers water; het nam een hele avond (na het avondeten) om zoveel water in huis te krijgen. Waarom dat zolang nam, zal ik vertellen. En als ik uitverteld ben, kunt u misschien begrijpen waarom ik moeite heb met de uitdrukking "Cleanliness is next to godliness." Hebt u wel eens geprobeerd om met twee emmers water tegen een heuvel op te klimmen die spekglad is door sneeuw en ijs?

Op maandagavond na het eten zette ik me schrap, want ik moest water halen. Water voor de was. Ik trok m'n "parka" aan, zette m'n beremuts op, trok m'n dikke handschoenen aan en ging the bittere kou buiten te lijf. Glijdend ging ik heuveltje op en heuveltje af naar die bron in de diepte. In het begin van de winter stond het water ongeveer een halve meter beneden de rand. Er lag dus een ijslaag op het water. Dat ijs moest eerst stukgehakt worden. Dan ging je, op je buik liggend, met de emmer in de put, klauterde heel voorzichtig omhoog, om de andere emmer te vullen. En dan de weg terug naar de hut. Als het heel goed ging kwam je zonder brokken met volle emmers aan. Maar ik ben de tel kwijt van de keren dat ik uitgleed en m'n emmers zich uitstortten over het "pad." U kunt wel nagaan wat een effect dat had op de "begaanbaarheid" van dat pad!

Zo voor "dinsdag-wasdag" moest ik op z'n minst 5 of 6 keer die pelgrimstocht naar de bron maken. Het nam me op z'n minst 1½ uur! Dat was in het begin van de winter. Verder in de winter zakte het peil van het water in de put. Dan liet ik me zakken in de put om op die eerste ijslaag te staan. Die ijslaag had een klein gat in het midden waar net een steelpannetje door kon.

Mijmeringen

Ziet u me liggen op de ijsrand in de put met zo'n steelpannetje duikend in het water beneden en dan angstvallig dat pannetje legen in een emmer op de rand van de put net zo vaak tot de emmer vol was? En dat tien tot twaalf keer herhalen? Als ik tenminste niet uitgleed en alles weer verloor! Water halen met een steelpannetje nam natuurlijk veel langer. Ik wil wel belijden dat ik meer dan eens een heel lelijk woord

gezegd heb, waarvoor ik, bij het eindelijk-naar-bed gaan, vergeving vroeg ...

Kunt u zich nu een beetje voorstellen dat ik die persoon verafschuw en verwenst heb, die beweert heeft dat "Cleanliness is next to godliness"? Diep in mijn hart heb ik 't hem/haar nog nooit echt vergeven ...

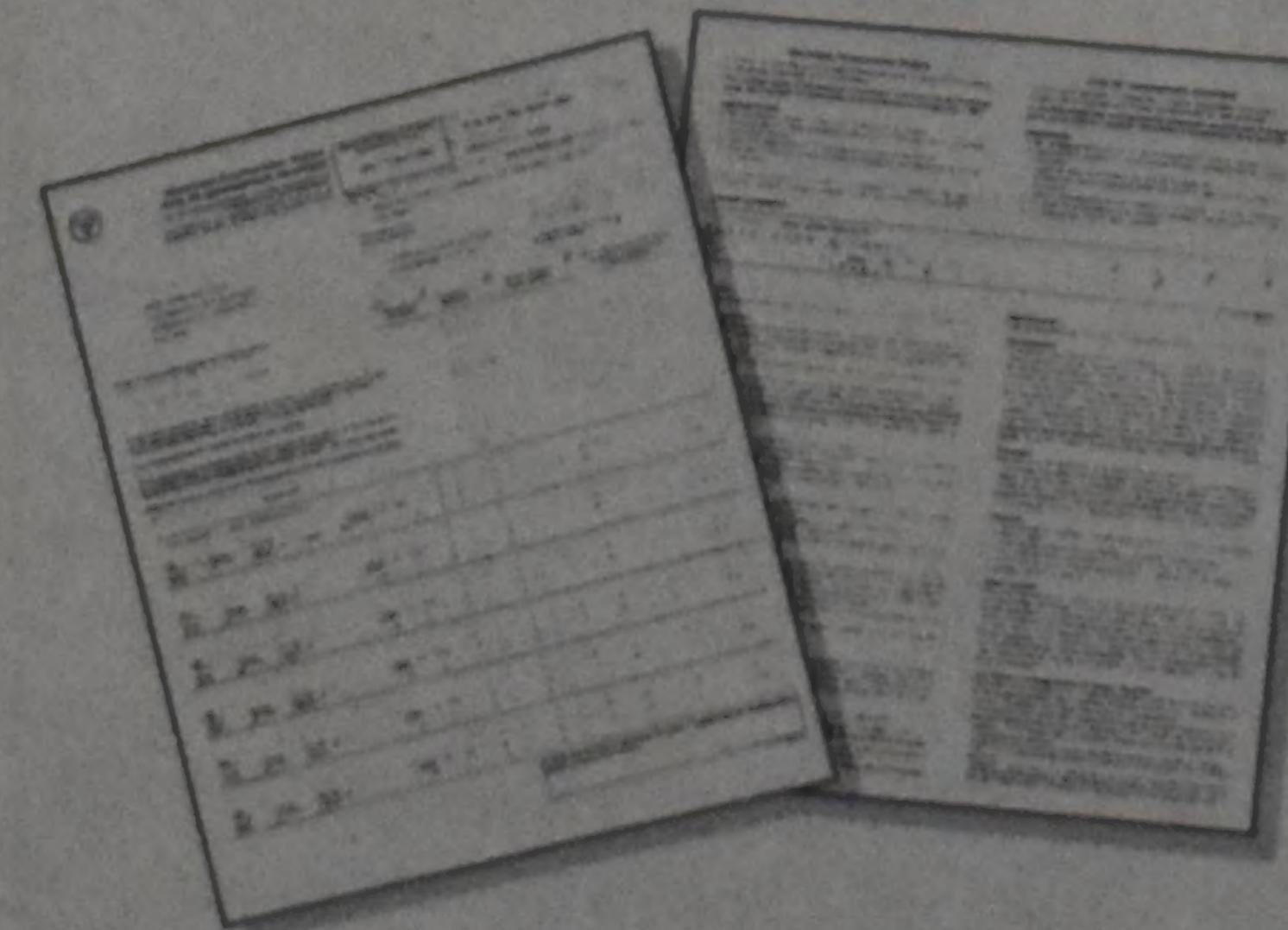
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""Blijf op
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Books/Meditation

Robert VanderVennen, book review editor

Canadiana

Remembering and paying tribute

To Mark Our Place: A History of Canadian War Memorials, by Robert Shipley with original photography by David Street. Toronto: NC Press Limited, 1987. Hardcover, 200 pages, \$24.95. Reviewed by Robert VanderVennen.

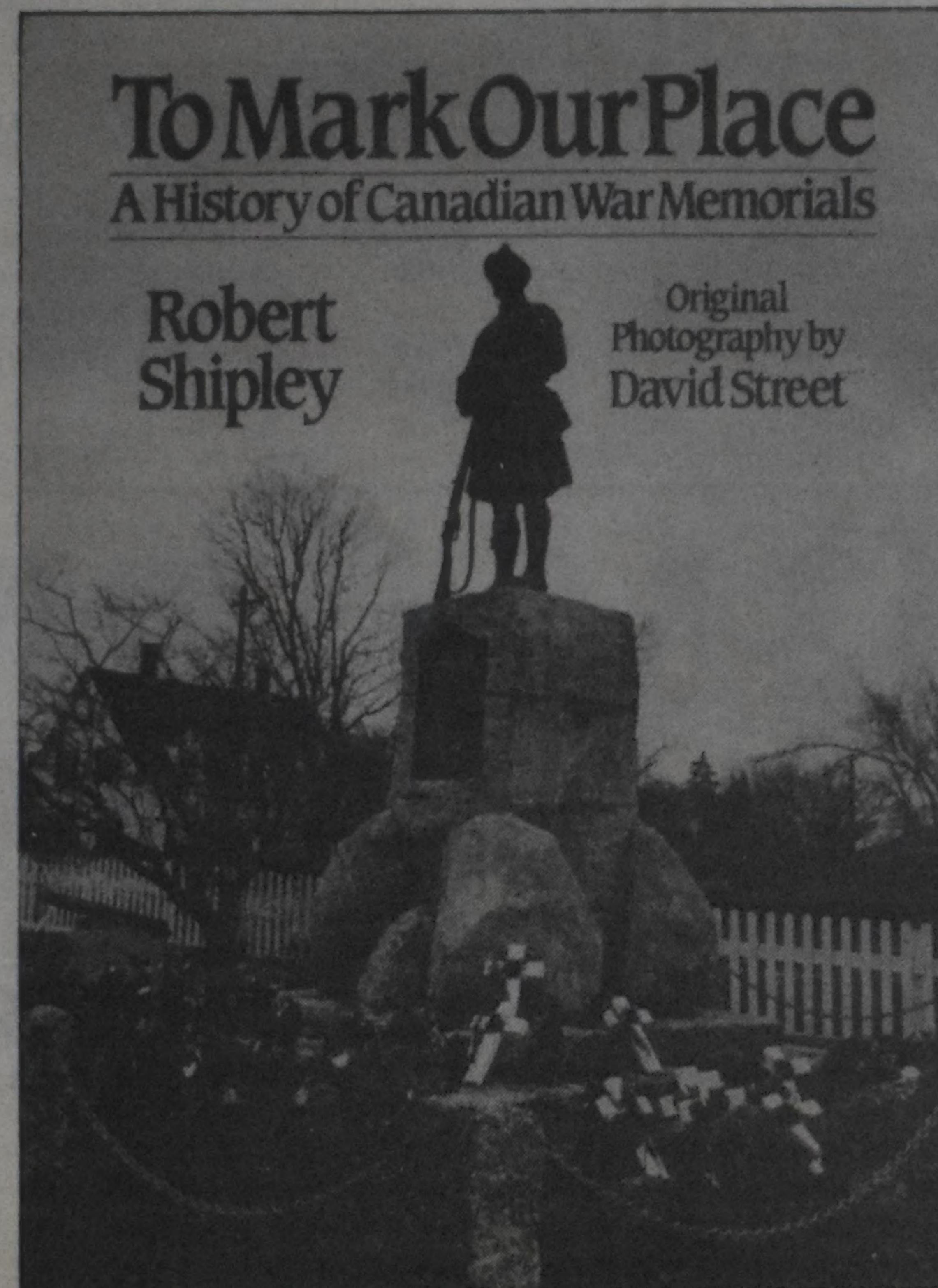
Canada's major war, in many ways, was World War I. Some 600,000 Canadians entered the armed forces for that war and 66,550 were killed, more Canadians than died in WWII and more Americans than died in WWI, with a population 10 times the size of Canada's. Scarcely a village or town existed in Canada that did not lose at least one soldier, and few Canadians did not lose someone close to them.

When the stunned nation assessed its human losses, it is not surprising that it moved to communal expressions that sought to make sense of something so deeply tragic. The result is an explosion of war memorials across Canada, most of which still exist in our town squares and city parks.

In words and pictures Robert Shipley has given a valuable account of why and how these war memorials were established, and what were the results. He has done a vast amount of travelling and collecting of oral and written histories from one end of the country to the other; his own photographs are supplemented by those of professional photographer David Street. More than a catalogue, the book reads like a fascinating story of an important piece of Canada.

These memorials are expressions of popular feeling. Citizens groups were formed which raised money from the general populace, usually including school children. The kind of memorial to be erected was popularly decided, not always easily. The result symbolized Canadian ideals and reflected Canadian taste.

Shipley finds that the Canadian memorials do not glorify war or heroism but attempt to express the sadness of death and of war. With war memorials people "remember" and tell the next generation about the tragedy of war in the context of the meaning of life.



There is a moving chapter on the meaning of the various kinds of memorials and their symbolism. That symbolism is inescapably religious, and very largely Christian. The cenotaph, for example, representing an empty grave or simply a memorial not part of a burying place, speaks of the resurrection of those memorialized, those whom the earth cannot hold. Crosses are common, and even an obelisk or pile of stones calls one to think somberly on the awesome event that is symbolized.

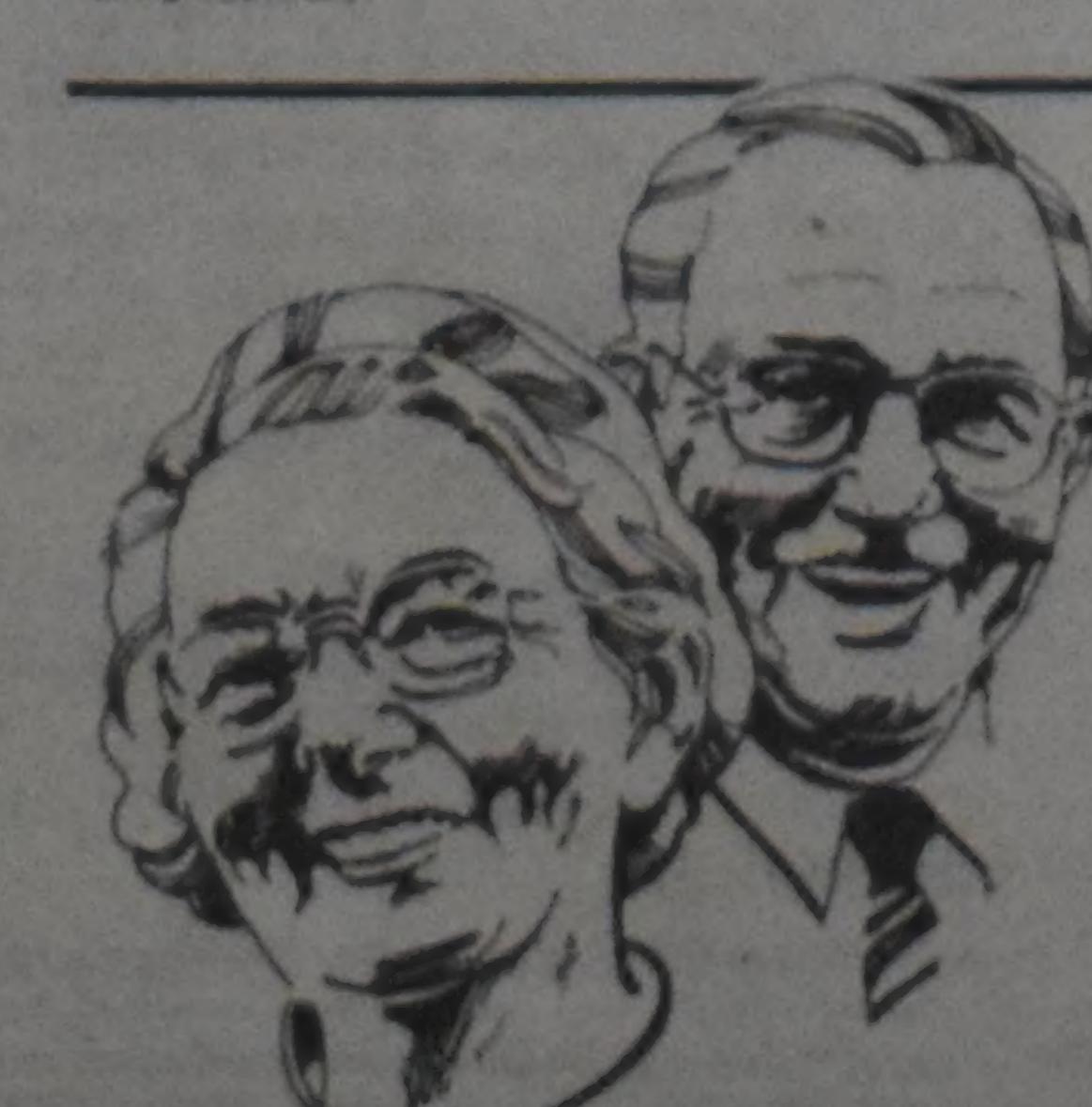
German cannons were treasured war trophies which appeared on many war remembrance sites. Some 3,450 German cannons were allocated to communities by the federal government. Ironically many of them were melted down for armaments used against German forces in WWII.

Poppies, adopted by Canada in 1921 as a symbol of remembrance, appear on many memorials. The short poem "In Flanders fields the poppies blow," written by an army doctor from Guelph, Ont., Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae, did much to popularize the poppy. A blood-

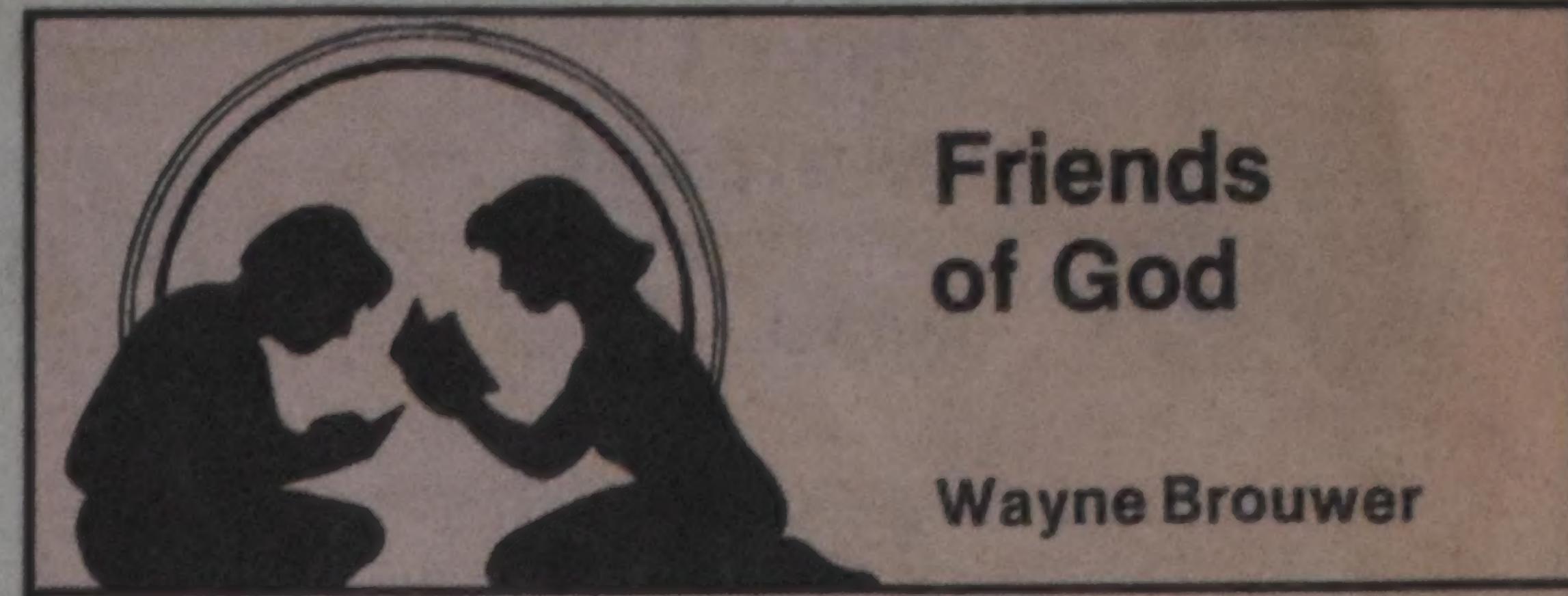
red flower which was often the first living thing to grow after battlefield destruction, the poppy "... was the most natural symbol of rebirth, of resurrection."

Canada has memorials from other wars, of course, and some WWI memorials have later doubled as memorials for later wars. But WWI was pivotal in Canadian history. In his Foreword to this book Pierre Berton writes that "Canada entered the war as a colony, emerged as a nation." Canada's full autonomy as a nation was signalled by a separate Canadian signature on the peace treaty.

I found this to be an engaging, moving book. I recommend it also to immigrants from Europe whose history of Canadian military forces arises from the soil on which Canadians fought in two European wars. The book includes a helpful glossary of 63 terms and a long list of monuments throughout the land.



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Wayne Brouwer

Raised to life

"*Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life*" (Acts 2:31-2)

At the heart of Moscow, in Red Square, there is a crystal casket containing the bodily remains of Lenin, founder of the modern Soviet Union. A plaque attached to the site summarizes the meaning of his life:

He was the greatest leader of all peoples, of all countries, of all times. He was lord of the new humanity. He was saviour of the world!

"He was" But what is he today? Ashes in a vault? Memories in a journal? Ideals as imperfect as the communist state?

If all you want are memories and heroic stories, then it doesn't matter to you whether Jesus' tomb is any different from Lenin's. Then the excitement generated by his life will be enough. Then you still have the mystery of his end, and that's enough to keep him alive in the imagination of books and songs and stories and poetry.

But people who dance with death need to know more. Parents who bury children need more to hope on than a memory. Widows who sleep alone can't let it end this way. Patients on the cancer ward need to know that the final dance of existence is saved for Jesus, and not death. Those who stare into the aching void of the grave need to hear a living Jesus cry: "*I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies!*" Those who are sick of the self-help gospel of pop psychology and televised religion need the living touch of a Saviour who is not in the tomb.

He is risen

Church historian Martin Marty tells the true story of a Sunday school class where the teacher was explaining the death and resurrection of Jesus. To make it more real and personal, on the Sunday before Easter she handed each child a plastic Easter egg. She asked her eight-year-old students to think about Jesus' resurrection, and then hide one thing that reminded them of new life inside each of their eggs. On Easter Sunday morning they would "show and tell" their new life treasures.

One of the students in the class was Stephen. He suffered from a debilitating disease that was making him more and more severely mentally handicapped. The teacher wasn't sure how much Stephen understood of the assignment, so she gave him the job of opening all the eggs on Easter morning.

One held a tiny flower. Another opened to the fluttering of a butterfly, so recently transformed from a caterpillar. When a small rock fell out of a third, the teacher was sure that it was Stephen's. But before she could shove it off to the side, young Billy shouted, "That's mine!" and showed the class the miracle of moss growing out of the dead stone.

Finally Stephen opened an egg, and it was empty. "That's Stephen's!" the teacher knew, and quickly tried to move on in order to not embarrass him. But Stephen was well aware of what he had done. "Please don't skip mine!" he cried.

"But it's empty!" she whispered.

"That's right!" came Stephen's reply. "Jesus' tomb is empty, and that means New Life for everyone!"

That summer Stephen's condition got worse, and in July he died. At the funeral, the children from his Sunday school class came to see his body. And then they did a strange thing. They each held up a plastic egg. They broke their eggs open, and laid the empty shells on top of the casket. It was their way of saying that Jesus had already written the epitaph for Stephen's little grave. One day the earth would shake, and the rocks would break, and the glory of God would stream from the skies. And all the angels of heaven would shout over that cemetery: "He is not here; He is risen!"

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